

return? Success, self-respect, confidence, all depended upon good honest work. Each man must get up his work for himself, and, to make it of any use to him, he must digest it and assimilate it himself. The student was then shown the best way of doing this, and great stress was laid upon case-taking at the bedside, as the best mode of training the faculty of observation. The special work of the first year's student was next considered; and dissecting shown to be his proper sphere of work. Visiting the wards during the anatomical period of study was referred to as a waste of time. The teaching of the scientific and practical subjects must be as widely separated as were the examinations; and the time was coming when the college of science would be distinct from the medical school, properly so-called. The rapid progress of physiology and pathology was compared with the slow growth of therapeutics, and the reason of this explained. The subject of inductive reasoning was considered, and its nature compared with that of the reasoning in a pure science, such as mathematics. The identity and harmony of relation between science and religion were then laid down, and the student was warned against taking for true science the speculations of scientific men; the theories of those who have allowed their imagination to carry their thoughts far beyond the conclusions their facts will warrant, into the unseen world of fancy. In conclusion, the lecturer said the medical profession was something more than a scientific and intellectual one; it called forth the best feelings of our nature. If medical men could not look forward to high honours and rewards, still no profession could look back upon a long life of usefulness, with greater pleasure or with a more perfect consciousness of having aided his fellow-man. "May each of us, gentlemen, during the last years of life, look back with pleasure on the good work and deeds of mercy we have been permitted to perform, and may we then, as now, say with Wordsworth:

"Oh! that our lives, which flee so fast,
In purity were such,
That not an image of the past
Should fear that pencil's touch!
Retirement then might hourly look
Upon a soothing scene;
Age steal to his allotted nook
Contented and serene,
With heart as calm as lakes that sleep
In frosty moonlight glistening;
Or mountain rivers, when they creep
Along a channel smooth and deep
To their own far-off murmurs listening."

THE SOCIAL FESTIVITIES OF OCTOBER 1ST.

THE opening day of the session was, as usual, not monopolised by the formal proceedings of introductory addresses and the official statements of the Deans. At most of the schools, social meetings of the past and present students took place. They all passed off successfully.

THE MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.

The annual dinner of the Medical College took place in St. James's Hall Buildings, on Wednesday evening, after the introductory address by Mr. Morris. Dr. Greenhow, F.R.S., presided, and there was a large attendance of members of the staff, past and present students, and friends of the hospital. Major Walters and Major MacLeay responded to the toast of the "Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces"; Mr. Ross, the popular chairman of the weekly board, to that of "The Middlesex Hospital." The toast of the evening, "The Middlesex Hospital Medical College," was according to custom coupled with the name of Mr. De Morgan, and received with the usual enthusiasm. Mr. Rix and Mr. Arthur Tones responded to the toast of "The Past and Present Students." The toast of "The Chairman" was received with much applause, and was feelingly responded to. The toast of "The Lecturer of the Day" did not fail to call forth a warm response for it. During the evening, a musical programme, kindly organised by Mr. G. Anderson Critchett, and carried out most successfully by the "Middlesex Hospital Minstrels," added greatly to the pleasure of a very successful meeting. Mr. Critchett, Dr. C. Semple, Mr. Adams, Mr. Hailstone, the Rev. Mr. Walshe, chaplain to the hospital, and Mr. Gillespie were the performers.

WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL.

A *conversazione* was held in the Board Room of the Hospital after the introductory address.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.

At this hospital, the usual Annual Dinner of the medical staff and the past and present students of the hospital was held.

ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL.

The dinner of the old students of St. George's Hospital was held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Wednesday evening. Dr. Acland of Oxford occupied the chair. There was a large attendance. After the usual loyal toasts, Dr. Barclay proposed that of "The Governors of St. George's Hospital," which was responded to by Mr. J. S. Shaw Stewart, the Treasurer. The toast of the evening, "The St. George's Hospital and Medical School," was proposed by the Chairman, and responded to by Dr. Wadham, Dean of the School. "The Health of Mr. Brudenell Carter, the Orator of the day," was then proposed, and responded to by that gentleman. The toast of "The Old Students and Visitors" was proposed by Dr. Barclay, and responded to by Mr. Wilson. The proceedings passed off with great success.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL.

After the delivery of the introductory address by Dr. Shepherd, the company adjourned to a *conversazione* in the Board Room of the Hospital, where refreshments were provided, and various objects of interest exhibited, such as improved microscopes, etc., by Messrs. Ross, with pathological and other microscopic specimens. The address was listened to by a large audience, and warmly applauded. Amongst the company present were Dr. T. King Chambers, Dr. Sibson, F.R.S., Dr. Handfield Jones, F.R.S., Mr. Spencer Smith, Dr. Norton, Dr. Langmore, Mr. W. B. Owen, and a large number of old and present pupils of the hospital.

THE LONDON HOSPITAL.

The Biennial Festival of the London Hospital was held in the Albion Tavern, on Wednesday evening; Dr. Herbert Davies, Senior Physician to the Hospital, in the chair.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

SHROPSHIRE ETHICAL BRANCH.

THE annual general meeting will be held at the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury, on Monday, October 6th, at 1 P.M.; S. BETTON GWYNN, Esq., in the chair.

Dinner will be served at 3 P.M. for the convenience of the country members. Tickets, exclusive of wine, 7s. 6d. Members have the privilege of introducing friends, on transmitting their names to the President.

Chamber concert music by a select band of musicians, under the leadership of Mr. Wright of Liverpool, will be provided as usual.

Gentlemen intending to read papers, etc., will oblige by communicating the titles of such, before the 29th instant, to

JUKES STYRAP, *Honorary Secretary*.

Shrewsbury, September 12th, 1873.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: WEST SUSSEX DISTRICT MEDICAL MEETINGS.

THE autumn meeting of the above district will be held on Tuesday, October 7th, at the Half-Moon Hotel, Petworth, at 2.15 P.M.; HENRY BOXALL, Esq., of Wisborough Green, in the Chair.

The dinner will take place at 5 P.M.: charge, 5s., exclusive of wine. Worthing, Sept. 29th. W. J. HARRIS, *Hon. Sec.*

SHROPSHIRE SCIENTIFIC BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held in the Museum, Shrewsbury, on Wednesday, October 8th, at two o'clock; DR. GREVILLE THURSFIELD, President-elect.

Papers will be read, etc.

The Dinner will take place at the George Hotel at four o'clock. Members may introduce friends.

SAMUEL WOOD, *Hon. Secretary*.

September 9th, 1873.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH.

THE autumnal meeting of this Branch will be held at the Church Institute, Wakefield, on Wednesday, October 15th, at 2.30 P.M. The members will dine together at the Bull Hotel at 8 P.M. Tickets (exclusive of wine), 6s. each.

Members intending to bring forward communications or join the dinner are requested to communicate with the Secretary.

W. PROCTER, M.D., *Local Secretary*.

York, September 30th, 1873.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SURREY DISTRICT MEETINGS.

THE next meeting of this Society will be held on Thursday, October 16th, at 4.0 P.M., at Laker's Hotel, Redhill.

On the invitation of Dr. Grabham, the resident physician, an excursion will be made to the Earlswood Asylum.

The dinner will take place at 6.0 P.M., at Laker's Hotel, and Dr. Holman of Reigate will preside.

All members wishing to attend must give early notice to the Secretary, in order that a sufficient number of conveyances be provided.

HENRY T. LANCHESTER, M.D., *Hon. Sec.*

Croydon, October 1st, 1873.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND BRANCH.

THE autumnal meeting of the above Branch will be held at Penrith, on Wednesday, the 29th October. The President, Dr. TIFFIN of Wigton, will take the chair.

Gentlemen intending to read papers are requested to give immediate notice to the Secretary.

HENRY BARNES, M.D.

Carlisle, October 1st, 1873.

UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY.—Professor Humphry gives notice that the course of lectures on Practical Anatomy will commence on Wednesday, October 8th, at 9 A.M., and be continued daily. The course of lectures on Anatomy and Physiology will commence on Thursday, October 23rd, at 1 P.M., and be continued on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. The dissecting-room will be open from October 1st.

MEDICAL NEWS.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, September 25th, 1873.

Churchward, Albert, South Penge Park, Anerley.
Rendale, John, 47, Trinity Street, Borough.

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

Golding, Reginald, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
Hogg, Thomas B., Leeds School of Medicine.

At the Preliminary Examination in Arts, held at the Hall of the Society, on the 26th and 27th of September, 1873, 108 candidates presented themselves; of whom 32 were rejected, and the following 76 passed, and received certificates of proficiency in general education; viz., in the First Class, in the order of merit.

1. W. A. Sykes. 2. C. F. Campe, A. E. Cracknell, B. J. Guillemard, and R. E. Inman. 6. J. L. A. Hope and W. Hugo. 8. W. J. Caut, D. Colquhoun, H. R. Dale, F. J. Driver, F. C. Gibbs, S. P. Hayward, W. J. Milles, and B. Rigden.

In the Second Class, in alphabetical order.

R. W. Addams, A. Allen, N. Allsworth, W. W. Amsden, T. Baker, F. Bass, H. L. Bates, C. E. Beebe, A. S. Bradford, A. H. Bromilow, A. E. Clark, M. F. Cock, C. E. Cocksedge, C. Couzens, E. Cureton, L. W. Davies, W. C. Falls, W. Fowler, F. Frank, W. T. Freeman, E. Griffiths, J. L. Hall, J. T. Hay, W. B. Hodgson, H. Hopper, G. Hussey, N. Kingsford, H. J. G. L. Leith, H. J. Liebshtein, M. E. Ling, A. P. Lungley, E. D. Maddick, C. Maunder, J. Montford, T. P. Morgan, H. B. Noble, G. E. Palmer, W. J. Parkinson, C. Plant, J. R. Purdue, F. T. L. Robertson, H. J. Scott, J. S. Scriven, F. J. Shaw, H. G. Statham, H. O. Stuart, E. Tatham, R. C. Thomas, T. F. Vaisey, C. J. Vlieland, E. C. Waller, M. Waite, A. S. R. Wainwright, E. C. Warren, T. F. Watts, J. M. Wheler, P. H. White, W. R. White, F. Wiles, H. Wilson, and A. L. Wing.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—

ANDOVER UNION.—Medical Officer for the Fyfield District: £65 per annum, and fees. Applications, 14th inst., to Thomas Lamb, Clerk.

ARDEE UNION.—Medical Officer *pro tem.* for the Dunleer Dispensary District. Applications, 6th inst., to Peter Carroll, Honorary Secretary.

BAWNBOY UNION.—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Ballinamore Dispensary District: £90 per annum and fees. Applications, 5th November, to James M'Govern, Clerk of Union.

BETHLEM HOSPITAL.—Two resident Medical Students. Applications, 11th inst., to A. M. Jefferson, Clerk.

BRISTOL HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.—House Surgeon: £100 per annum, furnished rooms, etc. Applications, 7th inst.

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Surgeon; Assistant-Surgeon. Applications, 9th instant.

BRIXTON, STREATHAM, and HERNE HILL DISPENSARY.—Resident House-Surgeon: £100 per annum, furnished apartments, etc. Applications, 6th inst., to Secretary, at Dispensary, Water Lane, Brixton.

BROMPTON HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION, etc.—Two Resident Clinical Assistants. Applications, 6th inst.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.—Public Analyst: £10 10s. per annum; 10s. per analysis for the first fifty, and 5s. per analysis beyond. Applications, 20th inst., to W. Salmon, Town Clerk.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT.—Medical Officer of Health: £52 10s. for one year.

CHELtenham URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT.—Medical Officer of Health: £300 per annum for three years. Applications, 11th inst., to E. T. Brydges.

CORK DISTRICT LUNATIC ASYLUM.—Assistant Medical Officer.

CUMBERLAND INFIRMARY, Carlisle.—House-Surgeon: £60 per annum. Applications, 8th inst., to Mr. Laver, Secretary.

DULVERTON RURAL and other Sanitary Districts combined.—Medical Officer of Health: £500 per annum. Applications, 11th inst., to Rev. W. H. Karslake, Meshaw, South Molton.

EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, etc., Ratcliff Cross.—Resident Medical Officer: £60 per annum, board, lodging, and washing.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer: £80 per annum, board, etc. Applications, 6th inst., to the Committee of Visitors.

GUEST HOSPITAL, Dudley.—Honorary Surgeon. Applications, 31st instant, to E. Poole, Secretary.

HALIFAX INFIRMARY.—House Surgeon: £80 per annum, increasing to £100, board, lodging, etc. Applications, 7th inst., to Dr. Alexander.

HAMADRYAD INFIRMARY SHIP, Cardiff.—Resident Assistant Medical Officer.

JOREHAUT (Assam) TEA COMPANY.—Surgeon; £300 per annum, rising to £480.

KANTURK UNION, co. Cork.—Apothecary for the Newmarket Dispensary: £50 per annum. Applications, 7th inst., to George Smith, Hon. Sec., The Cottage, Newmarket.

LONGFORD UNION.—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Drumlish Dispensary District: £100 per annum, and fees. Applications, 7th inst., to John Reynolds, Hon. Sec.

LOUTH DISPENSARY.—Physician.

MANCHESTER ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL.—Three additional Medical Officers. Applications, 15th inst., to P. Goldschmidt, Chairman of the Board.

MARTLEY RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT.—Medical Officer of Health: £100 per annum. Applications, 10th inst., to A. W. Knott, Clerk to the Authority.

NEWPORT UNION, co. Mayo.—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Ballycroy Division of the Achill Dispensary District: £100 per annum and fees. Applications, 7th inst., to John Carr, Hon. Sec., Murelan, Achill.

OUGHTEARD UNION.—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Lettermore Dispensary District: £110 per annum and fees. Applications, 13th inst., to H. Flanagan, Clerk of Union.

ROYAL CORNWALL INFIRMARY, Truro.—House-Surgeon, Secretary, and Dispenser: £120 per annum, and increase of £10 per annum for three years. Applications, 8th inst., to Robert Tweedy, Treasurer.

TURTON URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT.—Medical Officer of Health: £10 per annum. Applications, 29th inst., to Thomas Dawson, Clerk to Authority, Turton, near Bolton.

UNST, Shetland.—Parochial Medical Officer.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Chelsea.—House-Surgeon; Pathologist. Applications, 11th inst., to Capt. Scoones, Secretary.

WESTWARD UNION.—Medical Officer for the Morland District: £25 per ann., and fees.

WILTSHIRE LUNATIC ASYLUM, Devizes.—Medical Superintendent.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

DE LA MOTTE, Peter W., Esq., appointed House Surgeon to the East Suffolk Hospital, Ipswich, *vice* G. S. Elliston, Esq., resigned.

ELLISTON, G. S., Esq., appointed Medical Officer of Health for the Borough and Port of Ipswich.

PRESTON, William, M.B., C.M., appointed House-Surgeon to the Lancaster Infirmary and Dispensary, *vice* William Berry, Esq., resigned.

ASHENDEN, Charles, Esq., appointed Medical Officer of Health and Analyst for the Hastings Urban District.

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.

TAYLOR.—On September 27th, at Queen Street, Scarborough, the wife of John W. Taylor, M.D., of a daughter.

DEATH.

DYMOCK, Archibald, M.D., at Louth, aged 62, on September 17th.

CORONER'S INQUESTS.—There were 25,705 inquests held last year—18,046 males and 7,659 females. In the preceding year there were 25,898 inquests—17,916 males and 7,982 females.

TESTIMONIAL.—Dr. Oakley having been obliged by failing health to resign his office as one of the physicians to the Salop Infirmary and retire from practice, his brother professionals and friends considered it a fitting opportunity of paying him a well deserved compliment. A purse of £266 : 12 : 0 was the other day presented to him as a token of the esteem in which he was held, as well in his private as his public capacities.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's, 9 A.M. and 2 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.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

THURSDAY.—Hunterian Society, 8 P.M. Dr. Sutton, "Cases of Typhoid Fever."

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.

DR. NOBLE and Mr. BRADLEY (Manchester).—The paper will be published shortly.

ARNOLD AND SON'S SPECIALITIES.

SIR,—I have read Mr. Greenslade's letter in to-day's JOURNAL, and I think I may conclude he regards the traversing hinges as an improvement. He objects, however, to my statement in the JOURNAL of the 20th, that the employment of such contrivance was "after my own suggestion"; and in order to give, as he considers, "sufficient proof" of my error, he refers your readers to his letter in the *Medical Times and Gazette* of July 12th, 1873—a week before I named a plan for approximating hinged side-splints with safety to the patient. I will now quote from the *Medical Times and Gazette* on this subject.

July 5th.—"As regards the hinged side-splints (a very old idea), I consider them objectionable rather than advantageous, as the space between them cannot be altered to suit the limb. With a very spare patient a large amount of padding would be required to make good the deficiency. If necessary, either of my side-splints can be removed without disturbing the limb." (H. Greenway.)

July 12th.—"This 'very old idea' was, I believe, first introduced by my brother-in-law, Mr. Walter, some twenty-five years ago, and my method is an improvement on this; and I beg to call Mr. Greenway's attention to the fact, that the 'space between the splints' can be altered to 'suit the size of the limb.'" (G. Greenslade.)

July 19th.—"The only error I may have committed is, in thinking the space between the hinged side-splints unalterable; and this error is pardonable, considering the point is not mentioned in the description of the apparatus in your issue of May 31st. I thought these side-splints were simply hinged to the back-splint, after the fashion of certain fracture-boxes of a former century. I now presume the hinges are made to traverse across the back-splint. With fixed hinges, the *free edges* of the side-splints could be made to lean towards each other when treating a small limb; but this would be objectionable, on account of the pressure which would be exerted on the limb from before backwards. However, as I have intimated in my former communication, I do not consider hinged side-splints possess any 'peculiar advantage' over unattached splints; and that, even supposing the employment of hinges to be advantageous, the idea is an old one." (H. Greenway.)

It will thus be seen that the "sufficient proof," in Mr. Greenslade's letter on July 12th, that the side-splints were connected to the back-splint by traversing hinges, is, "that the space between the splints can be altered to suit the size of the limb." He did not then say he had two plans, as we are now informed, for this purpose. In my letter on the following week (July 19th), it will also be seen I showed there was a right and a wrong way of doing this. Whilst attending the meeting of our Association in August, I visited the Annual Museum, and had the curiosity to call at Messrs. Arnold and Sons' stall, where I found exhibited "Mr. George Greenslade's Apparatus for Fractured Leg." I examined the appliance, and, with the exception of the traversing hinges, failed to detect a single point of novelty, so far as it would affect the treatment of a fractured leg. It is essentially a Salter's cradle, from which is suspended a metal fracture-case or folding-splint, by means similar to that employed in my limb-suspender. I asked the attendant (I think he was Mr. Arnold, jun.), How long his firm had placed traversing hinges on the back-piece? He replied, "Within the past fortnight." This would be *after* the publication of my letter in the *Medical Times and Gazette* of July 19th. I think,

Mr. Editor, you will agree with me, that what I had named by way of presumption I was then justified in regarding as "my own suggestion".

In reply to the remaining portion of Mr. Greenslade's letter in this day's JOURNAL, where he again advertises, I beg to remark, as regards the portability of my limb-suspender, I see no occasion to make any further improvement, as the framework is constructed to fold up in a sufficiently narrow compass. This is a matter of very secondary consideration. The chief point to be determined is, What apparatus affords the greatest comfort, and gives the best chance of success in the treatment of a fractured limb?

In way of conclusion, Mr. Greenslade says he shall not again write on this subject. On this resolve I make no comment, beyond saying that it meets with my hearty approval. I am, etc.,

HENRY GREENWAY.

Plymouth, September 27th, 1873.

SIR,—On reading Mr. George Greenslade's letter in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of this day, respecting the traversing hinges on the back-splint, I was much surprised at his statement—that Messrs. Arnold and Sons have "for a very long time" made his apparatus in both forms (with fixed hinges and sliding hinges); for, when visiting the annual museum at King's College during our late meeting, I examined the splint in question at Arnold's stall, and was informed by the person in charge that the traversing hinges had been very lately added to the apparatus; that, in fact, they were only completed on the previous Saturday (August 2nd), and that the fracture-apparatus, with this addition, was then for the first time placed in the market. I think it my duty to set you this independent testimony.

I am, etc.,

JOHN G. DOIDGE.

Lifton, Devon, September 1873.

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.

SIR,—Kindly give me your opinion on the following points.—I am, etc., E.L.W.

1. Is it not usual for the surgeon of the week in hospitals to take charge of all accidents admitted during their week?

2. If an accident has happened a few days before admission, and has been under the care of a surgeon who considers it a case for hospital treatment, would not such be considered, on admission, as an accident, and come under the care of the surgeon of the week? and if, during the absence of the surgeon of the week, his coadjutor takes charge of the case, is it not his duty to resign it at once on the return of the surgeon for the week?

* It is usual for the surgeon of the week to take charge of all accidents admitted during the week. We think that the case referred to, though not admitted at once, came within the category of accidents, and as such belonged to the surgeon whose turn it was to receive cases.

SANITARY MEDICAL OFFICERS' REPORTS.

SIR,—In the official "Regulations as to Sanitary Authorities", it is stated in the fourteenth clause that "he" (*i.e.*, the medical officer) "shall prepare an Annual Report, comprising tabular statements of the sickness and mortality within the district, classified according to diseases, ages, and localities," etc. Will any of your correspondents who are medical officers of health kindly inform me how the Local Government Board expect that a medical officer in a large rural district can obtain the information required? I am, etc.,

September 24th, 1873.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

WE are indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news reports, and other matters of medical interest:—The Daily Post; The Lincoln Journal; The Liverpool Weekly Albion; The Manchester Courier and Lancashire General Advertiser; The London Mirror; The Leeds Mercury; The Christian World; The Bolton Daily Journal and District News; The Scotsman; The Ipswich Journal; The Manchester Guardian; The Aberdeen Daily Free Press; The Bath Express; The Birmingham Daily Post; The Australian and New Zealand Gazette; The Bolton Chronicle, September 20th; The North Devon Herald, Sept. 25th; The Bolton Chronicle, Sept. 27th; The Merthyr Express, Sept. 27th; The Wolverhampton Chronicle, Sept. 24th; The South Durham and Cleveland Mercury, August 30th; Australian and New Zealand Gazette, September 27th; The Advertiser, September 27th; The Constitution, September 30th; The Bradford Chronicle, Sept. 22nd; The Darlington and Stockton Times, Sept. 27th; etc.

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