

endowment given anonymously for the express purpose, after one of Canon Kingsley's speeches. Dr. Corfield of University College is the present chosen lecturer.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: WEST KENT DISTRICT.

THE first meeting of the Seventeenth Session, 1873-74, is appointed to be held at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, on Wednesday, October 29th, at 4 P.M.; Dr. JAMES V. BELL in the Chair.

Papers have been promised by John M. Burton, Esq., Dr. Monckton, and the Chairman.

Mr. Simon of St. Thomas's will dine with the members of the District.

Dinner will be provided at the King's Head Inn, Rochester, at 6 P.M.

FREDERICK JAMES BROWN, M.D., *Honorary Secretary*.

Rochester, October 13th, 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.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.

THE first ordinary meeting of the session will be held at the York House, Bath, on Thursday evening, October 30th, at 7 o'clock P.M.; E. LONG FOX, M.D., President.

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

Bath, October 1873.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST KENT DISTRICT MEETINGS.

THE next meeting will be held at the Fountain Hotel, Canterbury, on Thursday, November 6th, at 3 o'clock P.M.; the President of the East Kent and Canterbury Medical Society in the Chair.

Dinner at 5 o'clock precisely. Charge 5s., exclusive of wine.

CHARLES PARSONS, M.D., *Honorary Secretary*.

2, St. James Street, Dover, October 15th, 1873.

NORTHERN BRANCH: AUTUMNAL MEETING.

THE autumnal meeting of this Branch was held at the Central Hall, Darlington, on Thursday, September 25th. In the absence of the President, Dr. HEATH, S. E. PIPER, Esq., occupied the chair. Twenty-six members were present and five visitors. Four new members were elected.

Alteration of Subscription.—It was agreed that the subscription to the Branch, in future, should be four shillings.

Papers.—The following were read.

1. Mr. JAMES MACKIE: On the working of the Public Health Act. Mr. Mackie expressed his opinion that, of necessity, the act would be differently administered in different parts of the country, and maintained that, owing to the constitution of the House of Commons, and its limited knowledge of medical matters, the measure necessarily was imperfect. He believed, however, that the Act was producing most beneficial results. He dwelt at some length on the more stringent necessity of preventing disease in agricultural districts, through overcrowding and pollutions, and thought that, as a beginning, the Act would prove to be useful and valuable.—The CHAIRMAN complained of the Government having a military, instead of a medical, man as Registrar-General.—Mr. MANSON (Howden) complained that, under the Act, the medical officer was the servant of the inspector.—Dr. FARQUHARSON (Stockton) and Dr. EASTWOOD (Dinsdale Park) spoke, the latter as a guardian, giving illustrations of the difficulty which had to be encountered in administering the Act.

2. Dr. EASTWOOD: On the Water-Supply of the Tees Valley. The towns of Darlington, Stockton, and Middlesbrough, are chiefly supplied by water from the River Tees; and there has been so much complaint respecting its character, that Dr. Eastwood entered fully into the causes which affect its impurity. These are—the origin of the water

from a hilly, peaty district, giving it a dark colour; the presence of a large quantity of mineral matters; and the existence of sewage from Barnard Castle and some villages on the banks of the river. After examining various specimens of the water, and various analyses, the author of the paper came to these conclusions. 1. The Tees water is not of a pleasant colour, which is derived from peat; 2. It is too hard for many domestic purposes; 3. It is not unhealthy for dietetic use. The dark colouring matter is almost entirely removed by a carbon filter. If the sewage of Barnard Castle were made use of in irrigating the land, instead of being thrown into the river, the Tees water would be very pure.—The CHAIRMAN said that an analysis showed that the solid matter in the Tees water was only half as much as that supplied to the metropolis, whilst in point of hardness it was only one-fourth.—Mr. FARQUHARSON said that the colouring prevented furring in the steam-boilers, and was, therefore, liked by the manufacturers. In reply to Mr. Manson, he remarked that, for fifteen years, whilst he had been in Stockton, he had never known a case of disease to have arisen from the water, and believed the water to be good for drinking and domestic purposes.

3. Mr. C. S. JEAFFRESON: On Osteoid Cancer.

Votes of Thanks.—On the motion of the CHAIRMAN, it was resolved—"That the warmest thanks of the meeting be given to the readers of the papers." On the motion of Mr. RICHARD BOWES (Richmond), seconded by Mr. G. B. MORGAN (Sunderland), a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman for his able conduct in the chair.

Dinner.—The members afterwards dined together at the King's Head Hotel.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH: AUTUMNAL MEETING.

THE seventeenth autumnal meeting of this Branch was held at the Town Hall, Oundle, on Tuesday, September 30th, at 3 P.M.; J. M. BRYAN, M.D., F.R.C.S., President, in the Chair. Luncheon was kindly provided at home at 1.30 P.M. by Dr. Webster Tomlinson, Esq. Nineteen members and visitors were present.

New Members.—Mr. Alfred Haviland and Mr. W. B. Calcott were elected as new members.

Future Meetings.—It was decided that a joint meeting of the Cambridge and Huntingdon, East Anglian, and South Midland Branches be held in Cambridge on the last Friday in June 1874, under the presidency of Professor Humphry.

It was also decided that the autumnal meeting of the South Midland Branch be held at Buckingham in September or October 1874, under the presidency of Robert De'ath, Esq.

THE PRESIDENT read an address.

Papers.—The following papers were read.

1. J. M. Bryan, M.D. On Typhoid and Miasmatic Diseases, their Origin; with special reference to disinfectants and deodorisers, their relative value, etc.

2. Alfred Haviland, Esq. Observations on Typhoid Fever. He also introduced a form for the Registration of Diseases and Deaths.

3. Dr. T. J. Walker, of Peterborough, exhibited three cases illustrative of the results following Resection of the Elbow-Joint, and read notes illustrating the Pathology of Diabetes.

4. Dr. Alexander Macdonald (Woburn) made a few remarks on a case of Caries Tarsi cured by rest and constitutional treatment.

Votes of Thanks were given to the authors of papers; to the President for his able conduct in the chair; and to Dr. W. Tomlinson, Esq., for his kind hospitality in entertaining all the gentlemen present at luncheon. The meeting then adjourned to Mr. Tomlinson's house, where coffee, etc., was provided.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SUSSEX DISTRICT MEETINGS.

A MEETING of the above district was held at the Albion Hotel, Eastbourne, on Friday, September 19th; R. Colgate, Esq., in the Chair. Twenty-four members and visitors were present.

Papers.—1. Dr. FUSSELL of Brighton read notes of a Fatal Case of Dysphagia with excessive Salivary Secretion.

2. Dr. MOON of Brighton read a paper on Perforation of the Intestine. After mentioning various diseases in which it might occur, he detailed two cases where a fatal result ensued from this accident in the course of pythogenic fever: one during commencing convalescence on the thirty-fifth day of the disease; the second (clearly due to imprudence in diet, the patient having eaten some grapes with their skins and pips) on the twenty-fourth day. Dr. Moon insisted on the greatest caution in allowing a return to solid food in the course of convalescence from pythogenic fever. He was disposed not altogether to despair of

possible recovery after perforation, as both his cases exhibited a empty at repair, lymph being poured out and agglutinating the ulcer to an adjacent coil of intestine.

A discussion then took place, introduced by Dr. A. Hall of Brighton, on the question of impure milk inducing typhoid fever.

Dinner subsequently took place at the Albion, under the presidency of Mr. Colgate. In the course of the after-dinner proceedings, Mr. Sanger of Alfreton gratefully recorded his experience of the magnificent hospitality he had enjoyed during the late meetings of the British Medical Association in London, all of which he attended from beginning to end.

The Next Meeting will be held at Lewes in the third week of November; R. Gravely, Esq., of Newick, to take the chair. Communications, etc., are invited by the Secretary.

New Member.—R. Vale Skinner, Esq., of Winchelsea, was nominated as a member of the Association and of the Branch.

EAST YORK AND NORTH LINCOLN BRANCH.

THE half-yearly meeting of the above Branch was held at the Dolphin Hotel, Cleethorpes, on Wednesday, September 24th, 1873; J. MORLEY, Esq., President, in the Chair.

The following papers were read.

1. The Right of Poor-law Medical Officers to payment when Medical Relief is granted on loan. By J. Morley, Esq.

2. Thrombosis of the Femoral Vein. By Palemon Best, Esq.

3. On Toothache—a lost remedy. By John Dix, Esq.

After which a dinner was held, to which upwards of twenty members sat down.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AND HEALTH-OFFICERS.

SIR,—The last number of a new periodical entitled *Public Health*, contains a review of Dr. Edward Smith's *Manual for Medical Officers of Health*.

This article, like others which have appeared in the same journal, shews that it is under the control of a small party desirous to uphold the unsafe and unstatesmanlike structure raised by the Sanitary Commission and the Public Health Act, 1872. The reviewer says that—"This Act has been frequently and unfairly attacked; rather, we fear, for political reasons than on any other grounds."

A more extraordinary and unjustifiable statement could hardly have been made respecting the criticism, so just and well deserved, which that mistaken and unworkable piece of legislation has received from many very able and experienced sanitarians belonging to both of our great political parties. If we look at the names most prominent in the discussions on this vexed question, it is impossible not to be struck with the utter absence of political animus on either side.

Among the supporters of the Act, and of its bungling and unscientific administration, are to be found marked Conservatives, as Sir C. B. Adderley and Mr. Powell, who, indeed, shaped the form and determined the substance of the Report of the Commission, on the main errors of which the machinery of the Act was founded. The measure would never have been passed but for conservative support, obtained by false pretences, under a vague impression that some sort of sanitary enactment (it mattered not what) must be passed that session; also under an entire misconception of the agency required for working a good sanitary law.

Among the opponents of the Act were many men like those eminent barristers, Hastings and Michael, decided Liberals, and having no professional interest or object in opposing the Report and the Act; but influenced solely, as was the majority of other opponents, by a sincere desire for effective sanitary legislation, and a thorough contempt for the fictitious—though pretentious—organisation of authorities and officers which this Act and its administrators have forced upon the country.

If the reviewer were not (as he says of others) "influenced by prejudice," he would have been convinced by the unanswered and unanswerable arguments of the Joint Committee of the British Medical and Social Science Associations; by the addresses of Mr. Hastings, Dr. Rumsey, and Mr. Hart; by the skilful comments of Dr. Lyon Playfair on the Act; and by the excellent papers of Mr. Bulteel, Mr. Ceely, and Dr. Anstie on its administration; more than all, by the very list of medical appointments made under that Act. Such an exposure of inconsistency, want of system, contradiction of purpose, and incompetency of administration was scarcely ever before published, as appears in the record of appointments printed in successive numbers of the same period-

ical. This list, if correct, shews the most absurd contrasts in the area and population of districts; in the salaries and qualifications of the officers; and in the arrangements for the performance of duty. It proves that the scheme of duties put forth by the Local Government Board, and ostentatiously lauded by Dr. Edward Smith and his friendly reviewer, is utterly inapplicable, whether to the officer receiving £7 or £10 a year for certain elementary work in a small medical-relief district, or to him who is paid a guinea for each report which he is asked to make by an incompetent and obstructive authority, or to the big man who is to pocket £800 a year for the mere supervision of an area containing many hundreds of square miles.

But, perhaps, the coolest performance of Dr. E. Smith is his reprint of Mr. Simon's famous Minute of 1855, which, by anticipation, condemns the entire system of appointments made according to the present Act. Moreover, that minute is not at all, as he fancies, "a valuable compendium of the mode of performing the duties of this office."

I am, etc.,

October 3rd, 1873.

AN OLD SANITARIAN.

OWENS COLLEGE, MANCHESTER.

SIR,—On the occasion of the opening of the new buildings of Owens College, Sir James Kay-Shuttleworth, Bart., referred "to the establishment in the College of the first laboratory in England for physiological research". Although I regretted exceedingly the error into which the speaker had fallen, and wished to have it in my power to correct it, I felt that, on an occasion of so formal a character, when no speeches were made except by those called upon for the purpose by the President of the College, the Duke of Devonshire, it would have been scarcely becoming had I, unasked, risen to vindicate the honour of the physiological laboratories of Edinburgh, Cambridge, and London.

To the part which these laboratories have taken in what may be termed the revival of experimental physiology in England, I hope to direct my marked attention in the introductory address to my course of practical physiology, which I hope to deliver in this College on Thursday, October 23rd.

I am led to address you this letter to express the, to me, apparent negligence in failing to correct a statement prejudicial to the position of British physiology.

I am, etc.,

ARTHUR GAMGEE.

OBITUARY.

GEORGE RODWELL, M.R.C.S.E.

MR. RODWELL died at Loddon, Norfolk, on August 5th, in comparatively middle life, leaving a family of seven (four daughters and three sons). He was educated with the late Mr. Taylor of Kingston-on-Thames, and afterwards entered at University College, where he was dresser under Mr. Liston. He became a member of the College of Surgeons in 1838, and was soon afterwards appointed Surgeon to the East India Company's ship *Edinburgh*. He afterwards settled in general practice in Loddon, and was appointed Medical Officer to a district and workhouse in the Loddon and Clavering Union. He was a man of high principle and utmost integrity, kind and benevolent. A vote of condolence was passed by the Board of Guardians to his widow and family on the first Board day after his decease.

WILLIAM GARDEN, M.D., ALFORD, N.B.

DR. WILLIAM GARDEN of Alford died on September 22nd, at the age of 63. He was a son of the late Mr. George Garden, farmer, of Bandle, near Alford. He studied at Aberdeen, and, after taking the degree of M.D., practised for some time at Bandle, and some years ago removed to the village of Alford. Dr. Garden was known professionally as a good surgeon and a skilful and successful general practitioner. He was, in addition to this, an enthusiastic, and, it might be said, scientific farmer, and a very competent business man. Proof of his careful study of the management of land, and the general economy of the farm, was furnished by the evidence supplied by him to the Assistant Commissioners on the Employment of Children, Young Persons, and Women in Agriculture (1867); and on a comparatively recent occasion he read an exhaustive paper on the history and cultivation of the turnip plant before the Local Agricultural Society. Dr. Garden, though retired from medical practice for years, took a very active part in the public business of the district, holding office as a member of the Road and School Boards, etc. In politics he was a moderate but consistent Conservative. Deceased was married to Miss Mary Taylor, daughter of the late Alexander Taylor, Wellhouse, factor for Haughton, by whom, and by his only son, Mr. F. T. Garden, advocate, he is survived.

in the hospital where he worked till death overtook him. It is by the living influence of his life and memory that he would most desire to be remembered, and this influence will not soon fade.

His remains will leave Euston Square Station, to be conveyed by rail to Aberdeen on Monday evening. Friends are invited to assemble at the outer gate of the station at 8 p.m. to pay to them a last tribute of respect.

MEDICAL NEWS.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, October 9th, 1873.

Kane, Patrick, Sawley, near Derby
Matthews, Arthur, Harwich
Young, George William, Mile End Road

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

Treves, Frederick, London Hospital

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced:—

ABBEYLEIX UNION, Queen's County—Apothecary for the Workhouse: £30 per annum. Applications, 21st instant, to James Finnegan, Clerk of Union.
AUSTRALIAN FISHERY COMPANY—Surgeon to take charge of Expedition to Northern Coast of Australia and adjacent Islands: £150 per annum, and a share in the profits.
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.
BIDEFORD UNION—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Bideford District: £60 per ann., and fees. Applications, 20th inst., to C. W. Hole, Clerk.
BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND FREE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN—Acting-Physician: Acting-Surgeon: Surgeon-Dentist; Extra Acting-Physician: £60 per annum. Application, 4th November.
BRISTOL DISPENSARY—Physician.
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.
CAMBERWELL WORKHOUSE INFIRMARY—Medical Officer: £250 per annum.
CARLISLE DISPENSARY—Assistant House-Surgeon: £70 per annum, furnished rooms, etc. Applications to J. W. Davidson, Honorary Secretary.
CERTSEY, EPSOM, REIGATE, and DORKING Rural and Urban Sanitary Districts—Medical Officer of Health: £600 per annum for three years. Applications, 1st Nov., to F. H. Beaumont, Esq., Reigate.
DALTON-IN-FURNESS URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT—Medical Officer of Health: £60 for one year. Applications, 31st instant, to F. H. Clark, Clerk to the Authority.
DORSET COUNTY HOSPITAL, Dorchester—House Surgeon.
GENERAL HOSPITAL, Birmingham—Assistant Dispenser: £40 per annum, to commence. Applications, 18th instant, to Wm. T. Grant, House Governor and Secretary.
GOOLE and SELBY RURAL SANITARY DISTRICTS, and Selby Urban Sanitary District: £500 per annum. Applications, 30th October.
GUEST HOSPITAL, Dudley—Honorary Surgeon. Applications, 31st instant, to E. Poole, Secretary.
HALIFAX INFIRMARY and DISPENSARY—Assistant House-Surgeon: £40 per annum, with yearly increase, board, lodging, and attendance.
HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN—Assistant-Physician.
LANCASHIRE and YORKSHIRE RAILWAY COMPANY—Surgeon for the Preston District.
LINCOLN GENERAL DISPENSARY—House-Surgeon: £150 per annum, furnished apartments, etc. Applications, 25th inst., to James Ward, Secretary.
LIVERPOOL DISPENSARIES—Assistant House-Surgeon: £108 per annum, furnished apartments, etc. Applications, 20th inst., to Wm. Lister, Secretary.
LONDON AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY—Surgeon for the Preston District.
METROPOLITAN FIRE BRIGADE—Medical Officer for the Eastern District North of the Thames: 20s. per annum for each man. Applications, 21st inst., to J. E. Wakefield, Clerk to Metropolitan Board of Works.
MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL—Assistant-Physician.
MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE—Joint Lecturer on Pathological Anatomy: Dean.
NEW WINCHESTER UNION—Medical Officer for the Twyford District: £105 per annum.
PRESTON, Lancashire—Certifying Factory Surgeon.
ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL—Senior House-Surgeon: £104 per annum, board and residence.
ST. GILES, Camberwell—Dispenser: £120 per annum.
ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL FOR STONE, etc., Berners Street—House-Surgeon. Applications, 20th instant.
SALOP INFIRMARY, Shrewsbury—Resident House-Surgeon: £100 per annum, board, and residence. Applications, 21st October, to W. Boyce, Secretary.
SHEFFIELD PUBLIC HOSPITAL and DISPENSARY—Surgeon.
SOUTH DEVON and EAST CORNWALL HOSPITAL, Plymouth—House-Surgeon: £40 per annum, with board.
SOUTH RONALDSHAY and BURRA, Orkney—Parochial Medical Officer.
SURREY HOUSE OF CORRECTION, Wandsworth—Medical Officer.
SWANSEA RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT—Medical Officer of Health: £250 for one year, and private practice. Applications, 1st Nov., to G. B. Haynes, Clerk to the Authority.

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

TYNE PORTS—Inspecting Medical Officer: £20 per month, and rooms. Application to Dr. Bramwell, North Shields.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith—House-Surgeon: £70 per ann., furnished apartments, etc. Applications, 20th instant, to T. Alexander, Sec.

WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL—Surgeon; Assistant-Surgeon. Applications, 28th instant. Junior Dispenser: £50 per annum, luncheon, dinner, and tea.

WEST SUSSEX INFIRMARY, Chichester—House-Surgeon and Secretary: £100 per annum, board, lodging, etc. Applications, 1st November, to P. A. Murdoch, M.B., House-Surgeon and Secretary.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

*CLARK, Thomas Edward, M.D., elected Honorary Physician to the Bristol General Hospital, *vice* Henry E. Frigg, M.D., resigned.

ELLIOTT, J. R., Esq., appointed Surgeon-Superintendent to the Jorehaut Tea Company's Plantations, Assam, India.

PLATT, W. H., L.R.C.P., appointed an Honorary Surgeon to the Kilburn, Maida Vale, and St. John's Wood General Dispensary.

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.

BIRTHS.

CAMPBELL.—On October 9th, at Wellesley Terrace, Liverpool, the wife of W. Macfie Campbell, M.D., of a daughter.

*EYTON-JONES.—On October 9th, at the Priory, Wrexham, the wife of T. *Eyton-Jones, Esq., of a daughter.

KELLY.—On October 2nd, at 12, Plough Road, Rotherhithe, the wife of *Bernard Kelly, M.D., of a daughter.

DEATHS.

COCHRANE, W. B., M.R.C.S., at Tirphill, near Cardiff, from typhoid fever, in his 26th year.

*MURRAY, John, M.D., at 42, Harley Street, Cavendish Square, on October 15th, 15th, aged 29.

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 Orthopædic, 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 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.—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.

MONDAY.—Medical Society of London, 8 P.M. Dr. Richardson, "On Organic Stricture of the Esophagus: a Record of Clinical Observation."

TUESDAY.—Pathological Society of London, 8 P.M. Mr. McCarthy: Traumatic Separation of the Epiphysis of the Great Trochanter. Mr. McCarthy: Recent Fracture of the Atlas and Odontoid Process of the Axis. Dr. Dowse: Foreign Body in the Crico-thyroid Pouch. Dr. Dowse: Traumatic Degeneration of the Spinal Cords. Dr. Peacock: Aneurism of the Aorta forming a large External Tumour. Dr. Greenhow: Large Hydatid Cyst of the Liver. Dr. Silver: Obstruction of the Common Bile-Duct. Dr. Silver: Two Specimens of Diseased Liver. Mr. Nutt: Photograph of a Remarkable Vesical Calculus. Dr. Cayley: Psammoma of the Dura Mater.

THURSDAY.—Hunterian Society, 8 P.M. (London Institution.) Mr. M'Carthy, "A Specimen of Imperforate Anus, and Colles's Fracture."

FRIDAY, October 17th.—Medical Microscopical Society, 8 P.M. Conversazione at the residence of the President, 1, Bedford Square.

SATURDAY, October 18th.—Society of Medical Officers of Health, 7.30 P.M. Dr. Letheby, "On the Right Use of Disinfectants."

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

AUTHORS desiring reprints of their articles published in the JOURNAL, are requested to communicate beforehand with the printer and publisher, Mr. T. Richards, 37, Great Queen Street, W.C.

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.

WE were indebted to Mr. Sims, M.B., of the Royal South Hants Infirmary, for the important report of a death during the inhalation of ether at that Infirmary, which we published last week; and we have to thank him for the communication.

DR. T. DOMETT STONE will, we believe, entirely change his opinion on further consideration of the facts.

REYNOLDS'S "SYSTEM OF MEDICINE".

J. B.—The delay in the publication of the fourth volume of Reynolds's *System of Medicine* is not, we have reason to know, the fault of either Dr. Reynolds or his publishers. It is in progress; and, but for delays beyond their power to avert, and in which they have no part, would be already published, as we believe it will be before long. We cannot at all appreciate objection to the publication of second editions of separate volumes when the first edition has become exhausted.

MR. D. W. MARTIN (Hull) should consult a respectable medical man.

MR. LAKE (Southampton).—The object seems to be a good one, and if the arrangements be in all respects satisfactory, the institution may be worthy of support, although it savours too much of unnecessary specialism not to be regarded with suspicion. In any case the appeal which he recommends would not be suitable in the columns of a medical paper. The professional services which medical men render must exempt them from pecuniary appeals for distressed charities, which have their first claim upon the public.

OWENS COLLEGE.

THE opening of Owens College, Manchester, was marked by a very interesting ceremony. Sir John Kay Shuttleworth delivered a brief address, in the course of which he said: "I may congratulate Professor Roscoe, for I can warmly sympathise with what he has said to-day, that there is not in the United Kingdom any laboratory—and I am sure Sir Benjamin Brodie would likewise acquiesce in this statement—which can compare with the chemical laboratory of this College. I am very glad to say also that I must congratulate Professor Gamgee on the advantage he has of founding the first laboratory for physiological researches in England. For although it is true that there exist in comparative anatomy and in the researches of zoology an excellent laboratory and professor at Oxford, there still remains to be founded there a laboratory for physiological research, so that Owens College has taken the first step in founding such a laboratory. Your success in Owens College was and is certain. You have had in the last ten years a very rapid progress. You have quadrupled the number of day scholars, and attached a medical school."

** On this subject we publish elsewhere a letter from Dr. Gamgee.

DR. COWIE (Lerwick).—1. It is only under exceptional circumstances of emergency that we undertake the analysis of drinking water as a public duty. 2. Mr. J. A. Wanklyn, 117, Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square, undertakes water-analysis for a very moderate fee, and is a high authority on the subject.

S. A. (Peterborough).—Small shopkeepers are prohibited from selling poisonous drugs by the Pharmacy Act, unless registered as chemists and druggists. Mr. Bremridge, Registrar of the Pharmaceutical Society, Bloomsbury Square, would, we believe, attend to any complaints of infringement of the law.

WE regret to see the following in the *Cork Examiner* of September 30th.—*Important Surgical Operation*.—A young girl, fifteen years old, has just been discharged from the North Infirmary after undergoing a surgical operation which was performed in her case, if not for the first time in Cork, at least for the first time with such complete success. At five years years old the child began to suffer from white swellings about the right knee, which occasioned a contraction of the limb, and made it impossible for her to set her foot fairly on the ground. In course of time she suffered so severely from the malady that it was found necessary to place her in the Infirmary; and, on examination of the limb, it was decided that either amputation should take place, or the knee-joint be cut out. The latter alternative was chosen, and the rare and difficult operation was performed with complete success by Dr. N. J. Hobart, visiting surgeon to the institution, assisted by the usual surgical staff. First, the natural covering of the knee was laid aside, the kneecap and joint were then cut out most skilfully, and the ends of the thigh and leg-bones having been brought together and the leg thus straightened, the knee-covering was replaced and the wound bound up. It united perfectly; and all disease having disappeared, the child now walks with ease, the slight deficiency in the length of the limb being made up by the addition of a thick sole to her boot.

MR. GREENSLADE'S SPLINT.

SIR,—There have recently appeared in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL some conflicting statements under the title "Arnold and Son's Specialities." I am not inclined to lengthen the controversy; but, on the principle of *suum cuique*, I may be allowed to add that my attention having been called to the matter, I examined the leg-splint, shown by Arnold and Son at King's College, on August 5th, and received from the exhibitor, in reply to certain questions, very exact answers—viz., that traversing hinges had not hitherto been a feature in Mr. Greenslade's splint; that the splint with traversing hinges then exhibited was the first Arnold and Son had made; that the work of making the splint with traversing hinges was completed only two days before. I am, etc., JOHN JAMES, M.B.

11, Thurlow Square, S.W., October 7th, 1873.

** Mr. Greenslade is unfortunate in his novelties. He was charged with a similar plagiarism in respect to his canaliculus knife by Mayer and Metzler, and has never refuted, we think, the charge.

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.

MR. BURDETT'S request shall be attended to.

MEDICAL SICK BENEFIT SOCIETIES.

SIR,—I have noticed that the discussion originated some little time since in your JOURNAL, as to the best means of forming a sick benefit society for medical men, has ceased more abruptly than satisfactorily. The only good derived from it that I can hear is, that an insurance company states that "certain special tables are in course of preparation for medical men". Now, why should not a benefit society be started, under the auspices of the British Medical Association, on a scale of payments in proportion to those of the Foresters, Oddfellows, and other clubs, approved of and registered by Government? It seems to me quite as safe and feasible for one man to pay 5s. a week for £6 in illness, £120 at death, or £60 at wife's death, as for another, who pays 6d. a week, to get 12s. in illness, £12 at his own, or £6 at his wife's death. Moreover, in a club composed exclusively of medical men, "the doctor's money" would not be required, and the money thereby saved would be amply sufficient to pay the fees for examination of members, etc. By whom could such a society be started better than by an Association like the British Medical, whose numbers are daily being recruited, more especially from the younger and also struggling members of the profession? and by whom could it be conducted more economically than by the general managers and officers who have placed the Association in such a healthy condition?

I send you these few crude suggestions in the hope that you may be able to think over a matter of such importance to us the younger members of the profession, and originate a scheme which may add yet one more to the many benefits already derived from the Association.

I am, etc.,

C. H. WATTS PARKINSON.

Wimborne Minster, September 22nd, 1873.

. It is clearly possible to construct a sick benefit society on a scale of payments which should ensure its stability; but it is doubtful whether such a scale would not be too high to be popular. Such a society would, of course, require its own staff of officers. The general secretary and manager of the Association is already most heavily occupied in attending to the existing business.

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 Exeter and Plymouth Gazette, Oct. 8th; The Anti-Game-Law Circular, Oct. 11th; The Northern Echo, Oct. 10th; The Daily Post, Oct. 14th; The Bedfordshire Mercury, Oct. 11th; The Eastern Daily Press, Oct. 10th; etc.

COMMUNICATIONS, LETTERS, &c., have been received from:—

Dr. J. Matthews Duncan, Edinburgh; Dr. Noble, Manchester; Dr. J. Hughlings Jackson, London; Dr. D. Maclean, Glasgow; Dr. Sankey, London; Dr. T. E. Clark, Clifton; M.D.; Dr. D. Lloyd Roberts, Manchester; Dens; Dr. Alfred Carpenter, Croydon; A.M.; Mr. T. L. Walford, Reading; The Secretary of the Hunterian Society; Mr. E. Lund, Manchester; Mr. Balmanno Squire, London; The Secretary of Apothecaries' Hall; The Registrar-General of England; The Registrar-General of Ireland; Mr. Wanklyn, London; The Registrar of the Medical Society of London; Mr. J. W. Langmore, London; Dr. Woodman, Exeter; Mr. Manby, Wolverhampton; Dr. Meymott Tidy, London; Dr. Dyce Duckworth, London; Mr. Seanson, Manchester; Mr. Elliott, Leamington; The Secretary of the Medical Microscopical Society; Mr. Southam, Manchester; An Associate; Mr. Erichsen, London; Dr. Sieveking, London; Dr. Fox, Cocker-mouth; Dr. Madge, London; Mr. T. M. Wills, Bootle; The Secretary of the Obstetrical Society; Dr. Bryan, Northampton; Mr. Newstead, Eccleshill; A Member; L. S. A., Peterborough; Mr. Sewill, London; Dr. James, London; Dr. Sims, Southampton; Dr. Charles Parsons, Dover; Dr. W. Macfie Campbell, Liverpool; Dr. Bogle, Liverpool; Dr. Oakes, Manchester; M.D. Ed.; Dr. Oscar Wood, Hatton; Mr. Carwardine, London; Mr. Varley, Nottingham; Dr. Batty Tukey, Edinburgh; Dr. C. McDowell, Carlisle; Dr. Falconer, Bath; Our Paris Correspondent; Mr. J. Smith, Jersey; Mr. Burdett, Birmingham; Dr. James Lewis, Thornbury, Oxford; Dr. Bradbury, Cambridge; Mr. Carter, Richmond; Dr. Rumsey, Cheltenham; Dr. F. J. Brown, Rochester; Dr. Hardman, Blackpool; Our Dublin Correspondent; Dr. Sankey, Cheltenham; Mr. A. Rooker Plymouth; Mr. T. H. Scott, Newent; Our Birmingham Correspondent; Mr. G. J. Llewellyn, Hirwain; Dr. Demarquay, Paris; Mr. Heather Bigg, London; Mr. C. W. Smith, Twyford; Mr. Partridge, Stroud; Mr. Maccall, Edinburgh; Dr. Addison, Brighton; Mr. Nicholson, Hull; Dr. Arthur Gamgee, Manchester; Mr. Holmes, London; Mr. Robert Dalrymple; Captain Winton, Clifton; Dr. Lord, Crewe; Mr. Steel, Abergavenny; Dr. Domett Stone, London; etc.

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Annual Report on the Sanitary Condition of the St. Giles's District for the year 1872. By George Ross, M.D. 1873.
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