

of the most valuable kind, for it placed a microscope in the hands of the minute, a telescope in the hands of the distant, observer, to help their researches; whilst, with an educated eye, the mind surveys the beauties of the universe; those evidences of design which have so clearly left traces of the Great Designer, in the waves of the ocean, the trees of the forest, the flowers of the field, the old thorns with their young May-blossoms, we feel the force of the remark of Plato—"the world is God's epistle to mankind". Dr. Hall next proceeded to urge that an earnest purpose finds means to make time for the attainment of knowledge, and showed how one hour a day set apart for any purpose—for example, the mastering of French or German—was fruitful of improvement. He asked

"What is man,  
If the chief good and market of his time  
Be but to sleep and feed?—A beast, no more.  
Sure he who made us with such large discourse,  
Looking before, and after, gave us not  
That capability and God-like reason  
To fust in us, unused."

He urged on the students present to cultivate their intellectual powers; for the prayer, "give us this day our daily bread", applied to the mind as well as to the body. It was worth while, in the dawn of "life's young dream", to strive hard for the possession of knowledge; to pass sleepless nights, to give up for the attainment of it, laborious days, to spurn for it present pleasures. A life spent in the attainment of useful knowledge is a life of virtue, not of crime. With whose happiness does such an one interfere? In the pursuit of knowledge he injures no one; in the attainment of it, he does good to all. The cultivation of the mind gives, for ever, a companion no enemy can alienate—no despotism enslave. It is at home a friend, in other countries an introduction, in solitude a solace, in society an ornament. Without education, what is man? Next, the inductive philosophy of Lord Bacon, and what it had done for mankind, was put before his hearers at considerable length; the lecturer remarking, that its fruits were exhibited in the lengthening of life, in the mitigation of pain, in the increased productiveness of the earth, in lighting up night with the splendours of day; and, thanks to what we had been taught by this philosophy, through the electric telegraph, the dream of the poet had been more than realised; for now we can truly say that we have the power, quick as thought, to

"Speed the soft intercourse from soul to soul,  
And wait a sigh from Indus to the Pole."

After continuing his subject at some length, Dr. Hall concluded by saying to the students present, "Do not look upon your calling as a money-getting one. If pounds, shillings, and pence be your object, abandon it at once. I advise you, in such a case, to take to steel-melting, or to buy a share in a good bitter beer brewery. Ours, as my late teacher, Sir B. C. Brodie, said, 'Ours, gentlemen, is a noble profession, but a very poor trade.' For my own part, I hesitate not to say, the happiest moments of my existence, 'the greenest spots in life's dull waste', have been those in which, by the exercise of our noble art, it has been my high privilege—blessed by the Great Father of the universe—to restore a husband to a wife, a wife to a husband, or a child to parents, who have long been sorrowing almost without hope. I know, as that great physician Dr. Williams pointed out years ago, that it has been too much the practice to sneer at the medical profession; to designate it as 'poor and degraded', and that, too, by the uneducated rich, who ought to have known better. Poor it is, slighted it has been, but I say, emphatically, degraded it never can be, so long as by giving sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, making the lame to walk, and restoring reason to the miserable victims of insanity, it proves incontestably that its foundations rest on true science, and that its one sole object, its one sole aim, is the good of our fellow-creatures."

## ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

### SHROPSHIRE ETHICAL BRANCH.

THE annual general meeting will be held at the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury, on Monday, October 5th, at 1 P.M.; the President, W. A. DAVIES, Esq., in the Chair.

*Subjects for Discussion.*—The Revised Tariff of Medical Fees; The Proposed Tariff of Surgical Charges; the Suggested Preface thereto. Cases and communications by members.

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. Appleby of Liverpool, will be provided, as usual.

Gentlemen intending to read papers, etc., will oblige by communicating their titles (for insertion in the "circular note" of invitation), before the 8th proximo, to

JUKES STYRAP, *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.*  
Shrewsbury, August 31st, 1874.

### SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH.

THE eighteenth autumnal meeting of this Branch will be held on Tuesday, October 6th, at 2 P.M.—the President, ROBERT DE'ATH, Esq., in the Chair—at Tickford Lodge, Newport Pagnell, the house of H. Hailey, Esq., who will kindly provide luncheon between 12.30 and 1.30 P.M.

Gentlemen intending to read papers, etc., are requested to furnish the titles before the 28th instant, to Dr. Bryan.

J. M. BRYAN, M.D., } *Hon. Secs.*  
WM. MOXON, }  
Northampton, September 13th, 1874.

### BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH.

THE first meeting of the session 1874-75 will be held in the Council Room of the Midland Institute, on Thursday, October 8th, 1874; the Chair to be taken at 3.30 P.M. precisely.

T. H. BARTLEET, } *Honorary Secretaries.*  
BALHAZAR W. FOSTER, M.D. }  
Birmingham, September 1874.

### BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.

THE first ordinary meeting of the session will be held at the College Green Hotel, Bristol, on Thursday, October 22nd; FREDERICK MASON, Esq., President, in the Chair.

EDMUND C. BOARD, *Honorary Secretary.*  
Clifton, October 1874.

### SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SURREY DISTRICT.

A MEETING will be held at the White Hart Hotel, Reigate, on Thursday, October 22nd, at 4 P.M.; CONSTANTINE HOLMAN, M.D., in the Chair.

A testimonial will be presented to Dr. Lanchester, late Secretary to the District.

Papers will be read by Dr. P. H. Pye-Smith, on some cases of Abdominal Tumour; by Dr. C. Holman; by Dr. J. Walters, on a case of large Naso-Pharyngeal Polypus successfully removed, on a case of Poisoning by Arsenic, and on a case of Poisoning by Hydrocyanic Acid.

The Chairman kindly invites members and their friends to lunch at 1.30 P.M., at "The Barons", Reigate.

Dinner will be served at the White Hart Hotel, at 6 P.M. Tickets, including wine, 14s.

JOHN H. GALTON, M.D., *Honorary Secretary.*  
Woodside, Anerley Road, S.E., September 30th, 1874.

### SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: WEST SUSSEX DISTRICT MEETING.

THE autumn meeting of the above District will be held at Chichester, on Tuesday, October 27th; Dr. TYACKE in the Chair.

Any gentleman desirous of reading a paper, or bringing forward cases, is requested to communicate forthwith with the Honorary Secretary.

WM. J. HARRIS, *Honorary Secretary.*  
Worthing, September 28th, 1874.

### WEST SOMERSET BRANCH.

THE autumnal meeting of this Branch will be held at the Railway Hotel, Taunton, on Thursday, October 29th, at 5 o'clock.

The following question has been settled by the Council as the one on which each member should be asked to express his opinion at the meeting after dinner: "What is your opinion as to the best treatment of whooping-cough?"

W. M. KELLY, M.D., *Honorary Secretary.*  
Taunton, September 29th, 1874.

MR. ROBERT SHACKLETON, borough accountant, has died at Batley from the effects of morphia administered to him by a druggist in mistake for some other medicine.

## 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 24th, 1874.

Bell, John Duncombe, Antigua, West Indies  
Gallimore, Thomas, Infirmary, Chester  
Haslam, William Dudge, Redhill, Surrey  
Southam, John Binns, St. George's Road, Bolton  
Steward, Alfred, Newtonheath, Manchester  
Towt, George Frederick Ewens, Crewkerne, Somerset

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

Clegg, John Hague, St. Bartholomew's Hospital  
Dutton, Edward George, Guy's Hospital  
Scott, Alexander Thomas, Middlesex Hospital

At the Preliminary Examination in Arts, held at the Hall of the Society, on September 25th and 26th, 1874, 124 candidates presented themselves; of whom 34 were rejected, and the following 90 passed, and received certificates of proficiency in general education. In the First Class, in order of merit:

1. Z. Meunell. 2. F. J. Butler and Henry Pearce. 4. T. F. P. Adolphus, T. H. May, H. F. Stokes, and T. S. Tuke. 8. T. A. Appleton, James Harrison, M. G. C. Hoskins, P. Peacock, S. C. B. Robinson, A. Weakley, W. Whitworth, and F. W. Woodman. 16. W. H. S. Mackay and N. Rushworth. 18. W. J. Clarke, H. H. F. Eden, A. S. Mackrell, and T. P. Pemberton. 22. W. S. Battis, B. Gilchrist, and C. A. Herbert. 25. T. A. Evans, H. D. Mackay, J. W. Payne, and G. Stevenson.

In the Second Class, in alphabetical order:

John Allnutt, A. E. Benthall, R. C. Birch, Herbert Blott, C. A. Bloxsome, T. Bushby, C. Collett, G. W. Collins, H. L. Cortis, Arthur Cross, J. H. W. Davis, R. A. Davies, L. Dresser, Ernest W. Edwards, A. G. S. Findlay, W. H. R. Forsbrook, E. H. J. Gardiner, Alfred Gibson, E. Godson, W. R. Gould, F. Graveley, Ernest Grey, W. C. Guthrie, M. H. Hale, W. H. Hall, F. A. Harris, U. A. Carpenter Harris, L. R. Hayland, P. H. Hogg, T. Hopps, H. J. R. Hosford, W. H. Iorns, E. M. Knapp, A. W. Knight, J. A. Langley, J. Lofthouse, J. S. McDonagh, Arthur Mannars, A. Mantle, T. H. Morse, H. J. Palmer, A. B. Payne, G. L. Pardington, F. Parish, Ernest Rawson, G. A. Roper, A. E. Rowcroft, F. M. G. Smith, H. R. Spackman, J. W. A. Steel, Charles Edward Steele, J. McDougal Stewart, J. Sutcliffe, Edgar Taylor, C. Molesworth Tuke, George Rayleigh Vicars, Henry Wakley, Lawrence N. Walker, Wm. Sparrow Watson, Alfred G. Wells, Wm. Frederick West, and Miles Melbourne Williams.

## MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—

**ATKINSON-MORLEY CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL**—Resident Medical Officer: £75 per annum, furnished rooms, and board. Applications, 7th instant, to Charles L. Todd, Secretary, St. George's Hospital.

**BANGOR and BEAUMARIS UNION**—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Anglesey No. 1 District: £85 per annum, and fees. Applications, 13th instant, to John Thomas, Clerk, Bangor.

**BEDMINSTER UNION, Somersetshire**—Medical Officer for No. 8 District: £40 per annum and fees, and £15 per annum as Medical Officer of Health. Applications, 5th instant, to Henry O'B. O'Donoghue, Clerk, Long Ashton, Bristol.

**BELGRAVE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN**—Physician. Applications, 6th instant, to the Honorary Secretaries.

**BIRKENHEAD BOROUGH HOSPITAL**—Junior House-Surgeon: £60 per annum.

**BRIDGNORTH UNION, Salop**—Medical Officer for the Workhouse and No. 3 District: £97 per annum.

**CARNARVONSHIRE and ANGLESEY INFIRMARY, Bangor**—House-Surgeon: £80 per annum, board and lodging. Applications, 13th instant, to the Secretary.

**DENTAL HOSPITAL OF LONDON, 40, Leicester Square, W.C.**—Dental House-Surgeon, £40 per annum.

**ETON UNION, Bucks**—Medical Officer for the Iver District: £66 per annum.

**FISHERTON HOUSE LUNATIC ASYLUM, Salisbury**—Assistant Medical Officer: £100 per annum, board and lodging. Applications to Dr. Finch.

**FORT AUGUSTUS, Inverness-shire and surrounding districts**—£80 to £100 per annum from parochial appointments, and good private practice. Application to George Malcolm, Esq., Invergarry, by Fort Augustus.

**GLASGOW MEDICAL MISSION**—Superintendent: Not less than £250 per annum. Applications, 12th instant, to William Sloan, Secretary, 73, Gordon Street, Glasgow.

**HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Brompton**—Two Clinical Assistants. Applications, 5th instant, to the Secretary.

**HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Soho Square**—Dispenser.

**KENT**—Public Analyst: 21s. per analysis for the first hundred; 10s. 6d. per analysis for the second hundred; 6s. per analysis beyond. Applications, 12th instant, to F. Russell, Clerk of the Peace, Maidstone.

**LAMBETH, Parish of**—Resident Medical Officer and Dispenser, Infirmary, Princes Road: £100 per annum, board, apartments, etc. Applications, 12th instant, to W. B. Wilmot, Clerk, Brook Street, Kennington Road.

**LANCASTER GAOL**—Surgeon. Applications, 31st instant, to the Clerk of the Peace, Preston.

**LANCASTER INFIRMARY and DISPENSARY**—House-Surgeon: £100 per annum, apartments, etc. Applications, 12th instant, to the President.

**LEEK UNION, Staffordshire**—Medical Officer for the Endon District: £20 per annum.

**LINCOLN UNION**—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for No. 6 District: £30 per annum, and fees. Applications, 6th instant, to J. W. Danby, Clerk.

**LIVERPOOL INFIRMARY FOR CHILDREN**—House-Surgeon: £80 per annum, with board.

**NEWTON ABBOT UNION, Devon**—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for No. 9 or Dawlish District: £53 per annum, and fees. Applications, 13th inst., to John Alsop, Clerk.

**RATHDOWN UNION, co. Dublin**—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Stillorgan Division of the Blackrock and Stillorgan Dispensary District: £110 per annum, and fees. Applications, 6th instant, to Henry A. M. Drought, Esq., Avoca Avenue, Blackrock.

**ST. FAITH UNION, Norwich**—Medical Officer for the St. Faith District and the Workhouse: £44 and £20 per annum respectively.

**ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL**—Visiting Apothecary. Applications, 14th October, to C. L. Todd, Secretary.

**ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL FOR STONE**—House-Surgeon: £50 per annum, board and residence.

**STOCKWELL FEVER HOSPITAL**—Temporary Resident Medical Officer: £3 per week, board, lodging, etc. Applications, 9th instant, to the Committee.

**STOURBRIDGE DISPENSARY**—House-Surgeon and Secretary: £130 per annum, furnished rooms, and allowance for horse hire. Applications, 8th inst., to J. H. Shepherd, Honorary Secretary.

**STRANORLAR UNION, co. Donegal**—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, etc., for the Stranorlar Dispensary District: £100 per annum, and fees. Applications, 12th instant, to John Gunning, Honorary Secretary.

**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, London**—Professor of Comparative Anatomy and Zoology. Applications, 31st inst., to John Robson, B.A., Secretary to Council.

**WEST BROMWICH DISTRICT HOSPITAL**—House-Surgeon: £80 per annum, board, residence, and washing. Applications to P. D. Bennett, Esq., West Bromwich.

**WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL**—Physician; Assistant-Physician. Applications, 13th instant, to F. J. Wilson, Secretary.

**WESTRAY and PAPA WESTRAY, Orkney**—Parochial Medical Officer: £50 per annum, and house and private practice. Applications to James Scott, Inspector of Poor.

## MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

**GAMER, John E., M.B.**, appointed Senior House-Surgeon to the Preston Royal Infirmary, *vice* R. Blair, M.D., resigned.

**GAMGEE, A., M.D., F.R.S.**, Professor of Practical Physiology and Histology at Owens College, appointed Assistant Physician to the Children's Hospital, Pendlebury, near Manchester.

**GEMMELL, Samson, M.B.**, appointed Assistant to the Professor of Practice of Medicine in the University of Glasgow, *vice* A. W. Smith, M.D.

**GUTHRIE, George, M.B., C.M.**, appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the County Asylum, Burntwood, Lichfield, Staffordshire.

**STEWART, Donald, M.B.**, appointed House-Surgeon to the Blackburn and East Lancashire Infirmary, *vice* Williams, resigned.

## 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.*

### DEATHS.

\***HUNT, Richard Thomas, Esq.**, Consulting Surgeon to the Manchester Royal Eye Hospital, at Disley, Cheshire, aged 71, on September 22nd.

**LOMAX, Henry T., M.R.C.S.**, late of Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, at Cheadle, aged 62, on September 16th.

**ROBSON, F. A. H., M.D.**, at Iver, Bucks, on September 21st.

**STOKES, John Fred, L.R.C.P. & S.Ed.**, at Bootle, near Liverpool, aged 26, on September 18th.

**THOMPSON, Robert, Esq.**, Surgeon, at Norwich, 62, on September 21st.

**WOOD, William Thomas, M.B.**, eldest son of Andrew Wood, M.D., at Darnaway Street, Edinburgh, on September 28th.

**TESTIMONIAL.**—Dr. O'Neil Quin has been presented with an address and a purse of two hundred and fifteen sovereigns, on the occasion of his resigning his office as medical officer of the Silvermines Dispensary District, which he held for upwards of half a century, and as medical officer to the Nenagh Union Workhouse, which office he held for twenty-two years.

**PRESENTATIONS.**—Mr. Shelton Jones has been presented with an illuminated address, handsomely framed, a lithographed list of subscribers, and a purse containing sixty sovereigns. The address was as follows:—"Testimonial presented to Mr. Shelton Jones, L.R.C.P. and L.R.C.S., by personal friends and well-wishers, on the occasion of his leaving Denbigh, together with a purse of sixty sovereigns, subscribed in testimony of their late regard for him, as well as their appreciation of that high personal and professional character which led to the following resolution being passed by the Board of the Denbighshire Infirmary, on accepting his resignation as house-surgeon of that institution: 'Denbighshire Infirmary Board Room, August 1st, 1874. Proposed by Dr. Turnour, senior medical officer, and seconded by Mr. J. R. Heaton, Plas Heaton. The governors and subscribers record with regret their sense of the loss the charity will sustain by the resignation of Mr. E. Shelton Jones, house-surgeon to the institution for a period of upwards of five years. During the time he has held that office his professional skill, personal kindness and attention have been devoted to the welfare and comfort of the sick and suffering poor who have been placed under his charge. The governors and subscribers cannot permit their connection with Mr. Jones to sever without expressing their appreciation of his unblemished private character and professional zeal and ability.'"

## 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.

WEDNESDAY.	Obstetrical Society of London, 8 P.M. Dr. John Williams, "On the Relation between Congestion of the Uterus and Flexion of the Organ"; Dr. Bathurst Woodman, "On the Prevention of Mammary Abscesses by the application of the Principle of Rest"; Dr. Gervis, "Cases of Retroversion of the Gravid Uterus"; Dr. Madge, "Case of Ileo-cæcal Intussusception in an Infant of Eight Months"; and other communications.
FRIDAY.	Clinical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Mr. Dalby, "Case of a Foreign Body impacted in the External Auditory Meatus"; Mr. Haward, "Case of Caries of the Cervical Spine"; Dr. Southey, "Case of Extensive Cancer in the Lung".

## NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.—We shall be much obliged to Medical Officers of Health if they will, in forwarding their Annual and other Reports, favour us with *Duplicate Copies*.

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

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

WE CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO RETURN MANUSCRIPTS NOT USED.

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, 36, Great Queen Street, W.C.

MR. E. R. MORGAN.—The communication can only be inserted as a paid advertisement.

## SKIN-DISEASES IN DOGS COMMUNICABLE TO MAN.

SIR,—I should be glad to know if any irritating eruption having origin in contact with dogs has been noticed by systematic writers or others? I ask with reference to several cases of a cutaneous affection occurring in one family in which a pet dog is suspected as the cause of the annoyance.

The eruption in my patients corresponds very closely to Wilson's definition of *eczema rubrum*. The dog in question evinces by his actions unmistakable signs of cutaneous irritation; but in him I have seen no eruption.

September 1874.

I am, etc.,

M.R.C.S.

## READING AT MEALS.

SIR,—One often hears it said that it is injurious to read while eating; that it is prone to cause indigestion, etc.; theoretically, by diverting the blood from the stomach. I should much like to have the opinion of some of your readers on this subject, and hope this may be the means of promoting a discussion in your pages. For myself, I can but think that light reading, as conversation, tends to improve digestion.

I am, etc.,

BACHELOR.

## THE ANALYSIS OF BUTTER.

SIR,—In No. 713 of your JOURNAL, we see a note on Butter. In *Food, Water, and Air*, for July, we published a method for estimating foreign fats in butter, based upon the fact that butter contains 9.5 per cent. of volatile acids. Mr. Wanklyn now states that he was only able to obtain 0.1 per cent. of butyric acid, adding, "possibly the butter-fat was not quite dry", thus expressing his belief that we mistook water for volatile acids. We are sure Mr. Wanklyn is aware that water does not neutralise caustic potash. By mere distillation of butter-soap with dilute sulphuric acid, we obtained as much as 7.2 per cent. of volatile acids, which neutralised a large quantity of standard potash solution. The greatest care was taken to secure absence of chloride of sodium.

We cannot understand why Mr. Wanklyn directs his attack against Dr. Hassall, he being the editor of *Food, Water, and Air*, and not against the authors of the paper.

We are, etc.,

ARTHUR ANGELL, F.R.M.S.  
OTTO HEHNER

Ventnor, September 2nd, 1874.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.—Advertisements for insertion in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, should be forwarded direct to the Publishing Office, 36, Great Queen Street, W.C., addressed to Mr. FOWKE, not later than *Thursday*, twelve o'clock.

F.R.C.P. (Tavistock).—We do not answer medical questions unless they are asked by medical men.

## AN APPEAL.

IN our impression of September 5th, we published an appeal from Mr. de Berdt Hovell on behalf of the widow and daughters of the late Dr. T. C. Lewis. The following letter from Mr. de Berdt Hovell shows the state of the fund subscribed for the benefit of Mrs. Lewis and her daughters up to the present time in response to his appeal.

"Sir,—I have just received the contributions in behalf of the widow and daughters of the late Dr. T. C. Lewis, which you have acknowledged in the JOURNAL, amounting to £6 10s. I am much obliged to you for the trouble you have taken, and beg to state that I have received, in addition, the following sums.

	£	s.	d.
A. W. Moore, Pimlico	..	..	0 10 0
J. F. Wilson, Folkestone	..	..	1 1 0
D. Davies, St. Leonards	..	..	1 1 0
A Friend	..	..	2 0 0
R. B. Ruddock, Richmond Hill	..	..	0 5 0
Dr. Bull, Hereford	..	..	3 3 0
H. Stear, Saffron Walden	..	..	2 0 0
A. R. Graham, Weybridge	..	..	0 10 0
W. Martin, Hammersmith	..	..	1 1 0
R. Barker, Sunderland	..	..	0 10 0
T. Prichard, Northampton	..	..	5 5 0
J. Liddle, Bow Road	..	..	1 1 0
Dr. P. H. Pye-Smith, Finsbury Square	..	..	2 0 0
W. Gayton, Homerton	..	..	0 10 0
W. T. King, Victoria Park Road	..	..	0 10 6
Mrs. Astle, (Stoke-upon-Trent)	..	..	1 15 0
E. M.	..	..	0 10 0
F. M.	..	..	1 5 0
J. R. Clouting, Thetford	..	..	0 5 0
James Adams, Finsbury Circus	..	..	1 1 0
Dr. Clapton, St. Thomas Street	..	..	2 2 0

Total .. .. £28 5 6

Amount received by the Editor .. .. 6 10 0

Amount received by me .. .. 28 5 6

£34 15 6

"I am, etc.,

"D. DE BERDT HOVELL.

"Five Houses, Clapton, E., September 30th, 1874."

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