

Association Intelligence.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Thirtieth Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be holden in London, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th days of August.

President—ALFRED LOCHÉE, M.D., F.R.C.P., Canterbury.

President-elect—GEORGE BURROWS, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S., London.

All the Meetings will take place at the Royal College of Physicians, Pall Mall East.

TUESDAY, August 5th.

12 NOON. Meeting of Committee of Council.

1.30 P.M. Meeting of the General Council.

3 P.M. First General Meeting of Members. The retiring President will make a few remarks. The new President will deliver an Address. The Report of Council will be presented, and other business transacted.

9 P.M. *Conversazione*. The President and Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons of England have invited their Fellows and Members to meet the members of the Association at the College on this occasion.

WEDNESDAY, August 6th.

10 A.M. Meeting of the Members of the new Council.

11 A.M. Second General Meeting of Members. An Experimental Report on the Treatment of Suspended Animation will be read by B. W. RICHARDSON, M.D. Papers and Cases will be read.

1 P.M. The Address in Medicine will be read by W. H. WALSH, M.D., F.R.S. The Report of the Medical Benevolent Fund will be presented. Papers and Cases will be read.

9 P.M. *Soirée*. By the kind invitation of the President and Fellows of the College of Physicians, this Meeting will take place at the College.

THURSDAY, August 7th.

11 A.M. Third General Meeting of Members. Papers and Cases will be read.

1 P.M. The Address in Surgery will be read by JAMES PAGET, Esq., F.R.S. Papers and Cases will be read.

FRIDAY, August 8th.

11 A.M. Fourth General Meeting of Members. Papers and Cases will be read.

1 P.M. The Address in Physiology will be delivered by W. SHARPEY, M.D., F.R.S. Papers and Cases will be read.

6.30 P.M. Dinner at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street. Tickets One Guinea each.

Gentlemen intending to be present at the Dinner are requested to send notice, as soon as possible, to Dr. STEWART, 74, Grosvenor Street, W.; or Dr. HENRY, 15, George Street, Portman Square, W.

Members are requested to enter, on arrival, their names and addresses in the Reception Room, Royal College of Physicians; where cards will be supplied which will secure admission to all the Proceedings.

Refreshments will be provided in the College during the Meetings.

Members who wish for previous information may communicate with Dr. STEWART, 74, Grosvenor Street, W.; or Dr. HENRY, 15, George Street, Portman Square, W.

Papers have been promised by Francis Sibson, M.D., F.R.S. (Aneurisms of the Arch of the Aorta); William Budd, M.D., of Bristol (On the Occurrence of Malignant Pustule in England, illustrated by numerous Fatal Cases, and a Series of Photographs); C. Handfield Jones, M.D., F.R.S. (Suggestions for Inquiries into the Action of Medicines); Lionel Beale, M.B., F.R.S. (Observations on the Formation and Destruction of Tissue in the Living Body); William Farr, M.D., F.R.S. (On Medical Statistics); C. E. Brown-Séquard, M.D., F.R.S. (Remarks on a Case of Wound of the Spinal Cord); Ernest Hart, Esq. (On the Successful Treatment of Aneurism by the Flexion Method); W. Tindal Robertson, M.D., of Nottingham (On Hydro-Therapeutics); A. P. Stewart, M.D. (Some Remarks on the Treatment of Intestinal Obstructions); J. V. Solomon, Esq., of Birmingham (The Relief of Near Sight without Spectacles); Dr. Inman, of Liverpool (On the Question, Is Alcohol Food?); Dr. Ephraim Cutter, of Woburn, Massachusetts, N.A. (On the Employment of Veratrum Viride in the Treatment of Disease); Jonathan Hutchinson, Esq. (On a Form of Deafness hitherto undescribed, occurring in the Subjects of Inherited Syphilis); J. Higginbottom, Esq., F.R.S., Nottingham (On the Non-Alcoholic Treatment of Disease).

PHILIP H. WILLIAMS, M.D., *General Secretary*.

Worcester, July 1st, 1862.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

It is particularly requested that members who have not paid their subscriptions, *due on the 1st of January last*, for the current year, will forward a cheque or post-office order not later than *Saturday, the 19th instant*, to

PHILIP H. WILLIAMS, M.D., *General Secretary*.

It is also requested that members who owe for 1861, will no longer delay payment; and that any of the Honorary Secretaries who have not sent in their lists, will kindly do so, as it is now the duty of the General Secretary to make personal application to all procrastinators.

Worcester, July 1862.

REPORT OF MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL:

Held in Birmingham, on July 3rd.

PRESENT:—Sir C. Hastings (in the Chair); Mr. Pemberton; Dr. Richardson; Dr. Stewart; Mr. W. Williams; and Dr. P. H. Williams.

The proposed Report of Council, to be presented at the annual meeting, was drawn up by the Committee, and will be circulated during the month.

Resolved—That the following gentlemen be requested to act as Committees to adjudicate the Prizes of the Association in the different departments of Medicine, Surgery, Midwifery, and Physiology; viz., Drs. Watson, Sir C. Hastings, and Noble; Messrs. Paget, Erichsen, and Pemberton; Drs. Murphy, Simpson, and Clay; Drs. Brown-Séquard, Richardson, and A. T. H. Waters.

That the essay now sent in, appearing to belong to the first division, be handed over to Drs. Watson, Sir C. Hastings, and Noble.

That the Gold Medal shall bear on the obverse the profile of Sir C. Hastings, with his name as founder of the Association; the reverse to contain the name of the successful candidate, with the subject of his essay; and that Dr. Richardson, Mr. Pemberton, and Mr. W. Williams, be requested to form a subcommittee to carry out the resolution.

CHARLES HASTINGS,

PHILIP H. WILLIAMS, M.D., *Gen. Sec.*

Worcester, July 8th, 1862.

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

NAME OF BRANCH.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DATE.
YORKSHIRE. [Annual.]	Museum, York.	Thursday, July 17.

MIDLAND BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Annual Meeting of this Branch was held at the Guildhall, Lincoln, on Wednesday, June 18th, at 2 P.M.; T. SYMPSON, Esq., President, in the Chair. There were also present thirteen members.

The late President. Dr. MORRIS (Spalding) remarked that it was usual to propose a vote of thanks to the retiring President. This was unhappily impossible on the present occasion. He therefore begged to move—

“That this meeting expresses its regret and sorrow at the loss sustained by the profession and the British Medical Association, by the death of Mr. Macaulay.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. WHITE (Nottingham), and carried unanimously.

New Members. C. Brook, Esq., S. Lowe, Esq., D. Garnham, Esq., and Dr. Harrison, members of the Association, were made members of the Branch.

J. Hewson, Esq., and R. S. Harvey, Esq., both of Lincoln, were elected members of the Association and Branch.

Representatives on the General Council. The following gentlemen were elected:—J. Barclay, M.D. (Leicester), and T. Paget, Esq. (Leicester), Leicestershire; G. E. Stanger, Esq., Nottinghamshire; J. Heygate, M.D., F.R.S. (Derby), and J. Hitchman, M.D. (Mickleover), Derbyshire; E. Morris, M.D. (Spalding), and T. Sympton, Esq. (Lincoln), Lincolnshire.

President-elect. Dr. Goode, of Derby, was unanimously elected President for 1863; and it was resolved that the next annual meeting be held at Derby.

President's Address. The President then read an address.

Dr. MORRIS proposed a vote of thanks to the President for his excellent address, and moved that it be published in the JOURNAL.

The motion was seconded by Mr. LOWE (Lincoln), and carried unanimously.

The PRESIDENT stated he thought that as the address treated of matters more of local than of general interest, much as he felt the compliment, it would scarcely be desirable to publish it in its integrity; and it was afterwards agreed that an abstract of it should be sent.

Papers. The following papers were then read and discussed:—

1. Case of Traumatic Aneurism of the Gluteal Artery successfully treated by Ligature. By E. F. Broadbent, Esq.

2. Two Cases of Melasma or Bronzed Skin of Addison's Disease. By E. Morris, M.D.

3. Case of Tænia treated by the Areca-Nut. By E. Morris, M.D.

4. On the Prevention of Incontinence of Urine after Female Lithotomy. By Thomas Paget, Esq.

The JOURNAL. Dr. MITCHINSON, remarking upon the great improvement in the Society's weekly JOURNAL, proposed—

“That a vote of thanks be accorded to Dr. Markham, for the very able manner in which he has since his appointment edited the JOURNAL.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. LOWE, and passed *nem. con.*

A conversation took place as to the advertising chlorodyne or other secret medicines in the JOURNAL. The practice was thought objectionable.

The members and their friends afterwards dined at the Great Northern Hotel; Mr. Sympton in the Chair, and Dr. Mitchinson in the vice-Chair.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES

BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual meeting of this Branch took place on June 20th, 1862, at the Hen and Chickens Hotel, Birmingham; HENRY DUNCALFE, Esq., of Westbromwich, President, in the chair. There were also present twenty-five members.

Dr. BELL FLETCHER, the retiring President, thanked the members for their courtesy during his year of office, and introduced his successor, Mr. Duncalfe.

Vote of Thanks to the President. It was moved by Dr. BODINGTON, seconded by Mr. F. JORDAN, and carried unanimously:—

“That the best thanks of this meeting be presented to Bell Fletcher, M.D., for his courteous conduct as President during the past year.”

Report of Council. Mr. OLIVER PEMBERTON, the Hon. Secretary, read the following report of the Council:—

“The Council of the Birmingham and Midland Counties Branch of the British Medical Association, in submitting the report of their proceedings during the past year, has chiefly to direct the attention of the members to the character of the scientific subjects selected for discussion.

“The following list comprises the titles of the papers and communications in the order in which they were read:—

“1. On Accidental and Unavoidable Hæmorrhage. By Mr. John Clay.

“2. A Case in which the Descending Colon was Opened for the Relief of Stricture of the Rectum. By Mr. Oliver Pemberton.

“3. A Preparation illustrative of Retroversion of the Uterus. By Dr. Bell Fletcher.

“4. Remarks on the Pathology and the Treatment of Primary Syphilis, especially in reference to the Use and Abuse of Mercury. By Mr. Langston Parker.

“5. On the Employment of Gradual Dilating Metallic Sounds in the Treatment of Stricture. By Mr. V. Jackson.

“6. Practical Remarks on Vesico-Vaginal Fistula; with a Case of Vesico-Vaginal and Vesico-Uterine Fistula, where the opening was closed by operation. By Mr. Furneaux Jordan.

“7. A Remarkable Case of Lithotomy. By Mr. Oliver Pemberton.

“8. On Foreign Bodies in the Urethra. By Mr. Alfred Baker.

“The foregoing series of contributions to practical medicine and surgery sufficiently evince the unabated interest that has been displayed by members of the Branch in the discussions during the past year. In medical politics, no question has been before the meetings. Happily, the prospects of the medical profession, in the hands of the Medical Council, leave little to be desired; whilst the enlightened conduct of the College of Physicians of London cannot fail hereafter to be productive of the greatest advantage to the status of the profession.

“Another year has more than realised the predictions in reference to the high character that would be maintained by the JOURNAL of the Association under its present editor. The excellence and variety of its medical literature, its high professional tone, and its fearless denunciation of everything affecting the dignity and honour of our calling, demand the strongest support, not only on the part of the members of the British Medical Association, but of all who practise medicine.

“In the Branch itself, during the year, your Council notices with regret the loss of several members from death; also, on account of distance from Birmingham, and changes of residence; at the same time, it records with satisfaction the numerous additions that have been made, in the same time, from Birmingham and the sur-

rounding districts, thus markedly increasing the strength of the Branch, and proving that the common ground which it affords for social intercourse and scientific discussion is not disregarded by the practitioners of this town and neighbourhood.

"Amongst the deaths, your Council cannot but mention that of Mr. Hobbes of Bellbroughton, who, seized by fever contracted in the midst of his labours, was cut off at an age when his life would seem to have been of the most value to his family, and his experience to his numerous patients and friends. More fortunate, Mr. G. Taylor, long one of the senior practitioners in this town, died at an advanced age; and to the last, though ceasing to perform the active duties of the profession, yet manifested an untiring interest in the promotion of medical charity, connected with one of the chief hospitals of this town."

Dr. FAYRER moved, Mr. HOUGHTON seconded, and it was carried unanimously,

"That the report of the council now read be received, approved, and entered on the minutes."

Treasurer's Account. The account for the past year, read by the Treasurer, Mr. T. W. WILLIAMS, showed a balance in hand of £27 : 4 : 0.

On the motion of Mr. KNOWLES, seconded by Dr. FLETCHER, it was resolved,

"That the Financial Statement of the Treasurer now read, be received, approved, and entered on the minutes."

Election of Officers. Dr. RUSSELL moved, Dr. P. H. WILLIAMS seconded, and it was resolved,

"That Mr. Alfred Baker be elected President-elect for the ensuing year."

The voting lists having been handed into the President, the following gentlemen were unanimously elected members of Council for the ensuing year:—*Town Members*—E. Bartleet, Esq.; M. H. Clayton, Esq.; B. Fletcher, M.D.; J. J. Hadley, Esq.; F. Jordan, Esq.; J. Russell, M.D.; W. F. Wade, M.D.; G. Yates, Esq. *Country Members*—W. Downes, Esq., Handsworth; G. Fayrer, M.D., Henley-in-Arden; J. S. Gauat, Esq., Alvechurch; J. H. Houghton, Esq., Dudley; W. J. Kite, Esq., Westbromwich; F. A. Nesbitt, Esq., Wolverhampton; W. Smith, Esq., Redditch; J. Tibbitts, M.D., Warwick. The following gentlemen were unanimously elected representatives of the Branch in the Council of the Association for the ensuing year, Alfred Baker, Esq.; E. Bartleet, Esq.; M. H. Clayton, Esq.; H. Duncalfe, Esq.; G. Fayrer, M.D.; B. Fletcher, M.D.; J. J. Hadley, Esq.; W. J. Kite, Esq.; O. Pemberton, Esq. (*ex-officio*); T. W. Williams, Esq. Mr. T. W. Williams was elected Treasurer, and Mr. Pemberton Secretary, for the ensuing year.

New Members. The following gentlemen, members of the Association, were unanimously elected members of the Branch:—S. H. Algar, Esq., Henley; G. E. Howitt, Esq., Wednesbury; J. Male, Esq., Leamington; C. T. Male, Esq., Westbromwich; G. P. Dunn, Esq., Feckenham; B. W. Foster, Esq., Queen's College, Birmingham; J. F. West, Esq., Birmingham.

President's Address. Mr. DUNCALFE delivered an address of a practical character, embracing considerations in regard to the every day duties of the practitioner, of a highly valuable and interesting character. At its close, Dr. FLETCHER moved, Dr. RUSSELL seconded, and it was carried unanimously,

"That the best thanks of this meeting be given to Mr. Henry Duncalfe, for his admirable address, and for his courteous attention to the business of the day."

The members afterwards dined together at the hotel, under the presidency of Mr. Duncalfe, Mr. O. Pemberton occupying the vice-chair.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the South-Eastern Branch was held at the New Public Hall, Reigate, on Thursday, June 26th. Twenty-three members were present. THOMAS HECKSTALL SMITH, Esq., of St. Mary Cray, President, took the Chair soon after two o'clock, and delivered an address, which has been received for publication.

Report of Council. Mr. PETER MARTIN read the following Report.

"The Council of the South-Eastern Branch have again the pleasure of reporting an increase of members during the past year. This has arisen to some extent as a consequence of holding the anniversary meeting of the Association at Canterbury last year, but also especially as a result of the District Meetings in North and Mid Kent. These meetings have not only proved a source of much pleasure and profit to those who habitually attend them, but they have also added much to the strength of the Association. The Council is happy to state that, since the last annual meeting, another series of district meetings has been founded in East Kent, with the cooperation of the East Kent Medical Society; that these meetings have been held regularly during the winter, and have been successful. It were greatly to be wished that similar meetings could be founded in other districts included in the three counties. In practice it is found that, whenever meetings are held with frequency and regularity, the Association prospers and increases in numbers; whereas, in those districts not visited, it languishes, and rather diminishes than increases.

"The petition of the Branch in favour of Mr. Hubbard's proposition for such an alteration of the incidence of the Income Tax as would relieve professional men of a portion of the burden imposed, was duly presented last year. The report of Mr. Hubbard's Committee was not favourable to the alteration proposed, and a considerable majority has this year appeared against Mr. Hubbard's proposition. This result is perhaps rather to be attributed to the general languor at this time affecting all political affairs, than to any change of opinion in the House; and, as the Council feel confident in the justice of the course proposed by Mr. Hubbard, they recommend that another petition be prepared, and presented at the beginning of the next session to the House of Commons.

"The Council desire to congratulate the members on the approaching meeting of the Association in London. This will give the members of the South-Eastern Branch an opportunity of attending the general meeting for two successive years; and the Council hope that many members will be able to avail themselves of the liberal arrangements which are in progress, both on the part of the Association, and of various bodies in London connected with the medical profession."

It was then proposed by Mr. STEELE (Reigate), seconded by Mr. HODGSON (Brighton), and carried unanimously—

"That the Report now read be received and adopted."

The Treasurer's Account was then read; and it appeared that there was a balance in hand amounting to £35 : 17 : 11.

Representatives in the General Council. The Secretary reported that, the voting-papers of the members having been received, the following gentlemen were found to be elected:—George Bottomley, Esq., Croydon; Thomas Boycott, M.D., Canterbury; J. Cordy Burrows, Esq., Brighton; Alfred Carpenter, M.D., Croydon; Henry Collett, M.D., Worthing; Frederick Fry, Esq., Maidstone; William Sankey, Esq., Dover; T. Heckstall

Smith, Esq., St. Mary Cray; Charles M. Thompson, Esq., Westerham; Edward Westall, M.D., Caterham.

Council of the Branch. The following gentlemen were declared to be elected:—James Dulvey, Esq., New Brompton; F. F. Giraud, Esq., Faversham; William Hoar, Esq., Maidstone; C. Holman, M.D., Reigate; George Lowdell, Esq., Brighton; Albert Napper, Esq., Cranley; Frederick H. Sankey, Esq., Wingham; John S. Steele, Esq., Reigate; Charles M. Thompson, Esq., Westerham; Charles Trustram, Esq., Tunbridge Wells.

Income Tax. It was proposed by Mr. BOTTOMLEY (Croydon), seconded by Mr. Sisson (Reigate), and carried unanimously—

"That a petition be prepared on the part of the Branch in favour of Mr. Hubbard's proposal for a modification of the Income Tax; to be signed by the President, and to be presented to the House of Commons at the early part of the next session of Parliament."

Annual Meeting in 1863. It was proposed by Mr. BOTTOMLEY, seconded by Dr. HOLMAN (Reigate), and carried unanimously—

"That the annual meeting for 1863 be held at Rochester."

Votes of Thanks. It was proposed by Dr. MILNER BARRY (Tunbridge Wells), seconded by Mr. NAPPER, and carried—

"That the thanks of the members of the Branch be given to Mr. Bottomley, President, and to Dr. Lashmar and Dr. Westall, Vice-Presidents, as well as to the Council of the Branch, for their services rendered during the past year."

Papers. The following papers were read.

1. On the Beneficial Effects of Warren's Styptic in Hæmorrhagia. By W. Sankey, Esq., Dover.

2. On a very large Internal Tumour in a Child four years of age. By J. Sargent, Esq., Reigate.

3. Case of Exfoliation of the Epiphysis of the Head of the Femur in a Girl fourteen years of age, the Subject of Hip-Disease. By C. Holman, M.D., Reigate.

4. Case of Traumatic Aneurism of the Anterior Tibial Artery in which the Femoral was tied. By C. Holman, M.D.

5. Case of Ovariectomy. By C. Holman, M.D.

Interesting discussions followed the reading of each of these papers.

At four o'clock, the members adjourned and visited the site of the ancient Castle of Reigate, where the Baron's Cave had been illuminated and prepared for their reception; and, after an interesting walk, they sat down to dinner at the White Hart Hotel. Here they were joined by the Hon. W. J. Monson, M.P. for Reigate; and the Rev. Henry Gosse, Incumbent of St. John's, Redhill; and a very pleasant evening was spent.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Annual Meeting of the East Anglian Branch was held at Stowmarket, on Friday, June 27th; SPENCER FREEMAN, Esq., President, in the Chair. There were also present fourteen members.

New Members. W. R. Cooper, Esq. (Ixworth), and H. P. Leech, Esq. (Woolpit), were elected members of the British Medical Association.

Resolutions. The following resolutions were unanimously carried:—

1. Proposed by Dr. DURRANT, and second by Dr. KIRKMAN—

"That the thanks of this meeting be given to W. Cadge, Esq., the retiring President, for his services to the East Anglian Branch of the British Medical Association during his year of office."

2. Proposed by Dr. RANKING, and seconded by Mr. CADGE—

"That the next annual meeting be held at Great Yarmouth; and that E. Copeman, M.D., be President-elect."

3. Proposed by Dr. PITT, and seconded by Mr. PAYNE—

"That W. Cadge, Esq., S. Freeman, Esq., and C. R. Bree, M.D., be elected to represent this Branch in the General Council."

President's Address. The President delivered an address, which will be published in the JOURNAL.

Papers. The following papers were read:—

1. On Crural Phlebitis unconnected with Pregnancy or the Puerperal State. By W. H. Ranking, M.D.

2. Embolia and Thrombosis. By W. Cooper, Esq.

3. Case of Recurring Fibroid Tumour. By Wm. Cadge, Esq.

4. Two Cases of Enchondroma. By T. W. Crosse, Esq.

5. Case of Pelvic Cyst containing a Peculiar Fluid. By G. W. Pretty, Esq.

6. Mr. Cadge also exhibited a Tumour of Malignant Growth, removed only the day before, with a portion of the Scapula to which it was attached.

These interesting papers and cases gave rise to considerable discussion, and led to a very generally expressed wish on the part of those present, that in future all members intending to read papers at the annual meetings, would give sufficient notice to enable the secretaries to specify them in their circulars, as it was believed that the meetings would be more fully attended if the associates were aware of the good things in store for them.

Dinner. A large party afterwards dined together at the King's Head Hotel, when the usual toasts of a loyal and professional character were drank, under the able presidency of Mr. Freeman.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE tenth annual meeting of this Branch was held at the rooms of the Royal Medical Benevolent College, 37, Soho Square, on Tuesday, July 8th; ROBERT DUNN, Esq., in the Chair. Seventeen members were also present.

New Members. The following gentlemen were elected members of the Association:—Richard Barwell, Esq., Old Burlington Street; Oscar Clayton, Esq., Harley Street; J. Hughlings Jackson, M.D., Queen Square. T. Carr Jackson, Esq., was elected a member of the Association and Branch.

Report of Council. Dr. HENRY, one of the Honorary Secretaries, read the following report:—

"The Council of the Metropolitan Counties Branch have to report that the number of members in the Branch presents a slight increase over that of last year. At the last annual meeting, the number of members was 120. Since that time, 18 have joined; 2 have died; and 4 have resigned; leaving 132 as the total number at present on the list.

"The deaths which have occurred in the Branch have been those of two distinguished members of the profession—Sir John Forbes and Dr. J. O. McWilliam. It is not necessary here to enter on a consideration of their professional career; but the Council would recal to the recollection of the members of the Branch the fact that Sir John Forbes took an active part in its organisation ten years ago, and was its first President. And many members will doubtless remember the ability and courtesy with which, on all occasions, he discharged his duties, and the active interest he took, as long as his health permitted, in all matters coming under the cognisance of the Branch or of the Association.

"Dr. McWilliam joined the Branch at a comparatively recent period, and never took any active part in its management. The Council, however, are sure that the Branch will feel that in him they have lost a zealous and honest fellow-worker in matters relating to the honour and interests of the medical profession.

"In consequence of the acceptance by the Association of the invitation to hold their annual meeting in London this year, your Council, acting in pursuance of a resolution passed at a general meeting of members of the Association residing in the Metropolitan Counties District, on June 4th, 1861, have added to their number fifteen other gentlemen, without reference to membership of the Branch; and, with these, have formed themselves into a Committee for making arrangements for the meeting of the Association to be held next month. As the business of this Committee has been conducted independently of that of the Branch, the Council do not feel called on to make any special report of its proceedings at the present time. They would, however, take this opportunity of urging on such members of the Branch as have not already done so, the importance of giving all the aid in their power to the Committee, so as to render the meeting worthy of the locality in which it will be held, and to reciprocate the good feeling which has been manifested towards the London members by their provincial brethren at former gatherings.

"Your Council, having been occupied during the past year in the duties devolving on them as part of the Committee of Management for the meeting of the Association, have not been able to give attention to several important matters on which the Branch is especially concerned. They would, however, recommend to their successors the adoption of measures by which the practical and scientific value of the Branch may be increased; and especially would suggest the revival of an inquiry into the action of medicines, which was commenced several years ago. The communications to be read at the meeting of the Association will doubtless furnish materials, on which the Branch may found a series of important investigations."

Dr. GIBB proposed, Dr. ROUTH seconded, and it was resolved:—

"That the Report now read be received, entered on the minutes, and published in the JOURNAL."

Treasurer's Report. In the absence of Dr. LANKESTER, the Treasurer's Report was read by Dr. HENRY. The following is an abstract:—

Balance in hand at last meeting	-	-	-	6	0	3	
Subscriptions and arrears received	-	-	-	15	12	6	
				£21	12	9	
Expenditure	-	-	-	-	11	14	0
Balance in hand	-	-	-	-	9	18	9
					£21	12	9

Dr. WEBSTER moved, Mr. DUNN seconded, and it was resolved,

"That the Treasurer's Report be received and adopted."

Election of Officers and Council. A ballot having been taken, the following members were declared elected:—*President*, Robert Dunn, Esq.; *President-elect*, Francis Sibson, M.D., F.R.S.; *Vice-Presidents*, John Birkett, Esq., and B. W. Richardson, M.A., M.D.; *Treasurer*, Edwin Lankester, M.D., F.R.S.; *Secretaries*, A. P. Stewart, M.D., and Alexander Henry, M.D. *Ordinary Members of Council—For the Metropolitan District*: W. Bartlett, Esq.; William Bell, M.D.; Jas. Bird, M.D.; W. Camps, M.D.; C. De Morgan, Esq., F.R.S.; W. O. Markham, M.D.; S. W. J. Merriman, M.D.; John Millar, Esq. *For the Extra-Metropolitan District*: J. H. Paul, M.D. (Camberwell); Joseph Seaton, M.D. (Sunbury);

Joseph Ward, Esq. (Epsom); George Webster, M.D. (Dulwich).

President's Address. The newly elected President, ROBERT DUNN, Esq., on taking the chair, thanked the meeting for the honour conferred on him, and assured them of his intention to perform his duties to the best of his ability. He then remarked on the paramount importance of intellectual culture in raising the status of the medical profession; referred in terms of congratulation to the election of Dr. Lankester to the office of coroner for Central Middlesex; and drew attention to the position of medicine, as calculated to foster the best feelings of the mind, and to exercise the intellectual faculties.

Representatives in the General Council. The following gentlemen were unanimously elected representatives of this Branch in the General Council for 1862-3:—A. Henry, M.D.; C. F. J. Lord, Esq.; W. O. Markham, M.D.; J. H. Paul, M.D.; B. W. Richardson, M.D.; G. Webster, M.D.; with A. P. Stewart, M.D., Secretary.

The Election of Dr. Lankester to the Coronership. Dr. RICHARDSON moved,

"That this meeting has observed with sincere pleasure the unanimity of the profession in supporting the claims of the medical profession to the office of coroner; and congratulates the Branch on the election of Dr. Lankester to the office of coroner for Central Middlesex."

Dr. WEBSTER seconded the motion; which was carried unanimously.

Votes of Thanks. Dr. GIBB proposed, Mr. MILLAR seconded, and it was resolved,

"That the thanks of the Branch be given to the retiring officers and council, for the manner in which they have performed their duties during the past year."

Dr. HENRY proposed, Mr. PROPERT seconded, and it was unanimously resolved,

"That the thanks of the Branch be given to the Representatives in the General Council of the Association, and especially to Drs. Stewart, Lankester, and Richardson, members of the Committee of Council, for their diligent and able performance of the duties entrusted to them."

THE ASYLUM FOR IDIOTS AT EARLSWOOD. The inmates form an industrious community, including among their number carpenters, shoemakers, mat-weavers, tailors, and farmers; while the women and girls ply the needle or engage in housework. The workmanship of many of the idiots would be regarded as meritorious if it were the production of skilled mechanics in full possession of all their faculties, and with the advantage of a long training. Recreation, too, that prime element in every healthy society, is not neglected. The in-door amusements comprise the microscope, the magic lantern, the shadow pantomime, and a monthly concert, at which the attendants generously give their services. Out-of-doors, during the summer season, fêtes are occasionally held; a brass band fills the grounds with exhilarating strains of music; and cricket and other athletic sports are resorted to by the more robust of the patients. The success of the asylum has been indubitable, and the soundness of the principles upon which it is based made as clear as the light of day. No one can feel surprised that Earlswood is visited by inquisitive philanthropists from all parts of Europe, who have been attracted thither by reports of its fame. We trust that, as long as need exists for such an institution, this asylum will continue to flourish; and that in time to come there will be found many to emulate the example of its venerated founder—Dr. Andrew Reed.

Medical News.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS. The following gentlemen passed the first part of the professional examination for the License of the College, on July 4th, 1862:—

Bruce, Alexander, University College
Churchill, John Foot, Charing Cross Hospital
Evershed, Arthur, Guy's Hospital
Fry, John Blount, Sydenham College, Birmingham
Medwin, Aaron George, Guy's Hospital
Mickley, Arthur George, Guy's Hospital
Phillips, John Jones, Guy's Hospital
Powell, Richard Douglas, University College
Taylor, Shephard Thomas, King's College
Thurston, Edward Whitfield, Guy's Hospital
Trevan, Matthew, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Wearne, Vivian, St. George's Hospital

Also, on July 5th:—

Bingley, William Philipps, University College
Carter, Thomas, Guy's Hospital
Hayden, William Gallimore, Charing Cross Hospital
Hindle, Frederic Thomas, Guy's Hospital
Long, Frederic, Guy's Hospital
Sutcliffe, Edward, St. Thomas's Hospital
Woltersan, Sedley, St. Bartholomew's Hospital

Also, on July 7th:—

Buckle, Fleetwood, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Elliot, Richard Luscombe, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Foster, John, University College
Gill, William, Truro, Cornwall
Hunt, Henry John, King's College
Osmund, Thomas, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Williams, Thomas Edward, St. Bartholomew's Hospital

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS. The following members of the College, having undergone the necessary examinations, were admitted Licentiates in Midwifery at a meeting of the Board, on July 2nd:—

Barlow, Robert, Dalston: diploma of membership dated July 29, 1859
Barnes, Thomas Henry, Clare, Suffolk: May 6, 1862
Carter, Jabez, Bedford: June 12, 1862
Couch, John Quiller, Polperro, Cornwall: May 21, 1862
Dry, Thomas, Salisbury Place, Walworth: April 25, 1862
Dunderdale, William, Poulton-le-Fylde: May 8, 1862
Edwards, Morgan John, Rhondda Valley, Newbridge, Glamorganshire: November 14, 1861
Jones, John Lloyd, Treborth, Carnarvonshire: Nov. 14, 1861
Kernot, Charles Noyce, West Cowes: May 8, 1862
Masters, William Hooper, Yeovil: November 14, 1860
Matthews, James, Hammersmith: April 24, 1862
Rutherford, Samuel, Pulborough, Sussex: April 23, 1862
Sheppard, Walter George, Dorchester: May 20, 1862
Wilson, John Wise, Brunswick Place, Barnsbury Road: January 31, 1862

APOTHECARIES' HALL. On July 3rd, the following Licentiates were admitted:—

Allen, James, Bollington, Macclesfield, Cheshire
Bramley, William Sturdy, Wakefield, Yorkshire
Dalglish, Jonathan, Newcastle-upon-Tyne
Johnson, Alfred, Blossom Street, York
Jones, John Talford, Brecon
Jones, Thomas, Llandysil, Cardiganshire
Newbold, Edward Thomas, Macclesfield
Waters, John Maugin, Bedford Square

APPOINTMENTS.

BAYLEY, Joseph, Esq., elected Surgeon for life to the Yarmouth Royal Hospital.

*GIBB, George L., M.D., elected Physician to the West London Hospital.

*LANKESTER, Edwin, M.D., F.R.S., elected Coroner for the Central Division of the County of Middlesex.

LEEDS, Thomas, Esq., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the General Hospital and Dispensary for Sick Children, Manchester.

ROYAL ARMY. The following appointments have been made:—

ANNESLEY, Surgeon-Major F. C., 45th Foot, to be Surgeon Royal Engineers.

BRACKEN, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon J. H. N., to be Assistant-Surgeon 54th Foot, *vice* Reid.

ERSKINE, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon J. L., M.D., to be Assistant-Surgeon Royal Engineers.

FERGUSON, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon W., to be Assistant-Surgeon Royal Engineers.

HOLLINGSWORTH, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon T. S., to be Assistant-Surgeon Royal Engineers.

HYDE, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon R. A., to be Assistant-Surgeon 20th Foot, *vice* J. H. Meares.

LAWLOR, Staff-Surgeon D. W., to be Surgeon 25th Foot, *vice* W. Boyd. MEARES, Assistant-Surgeon J. H., 20th Foot, to be Assistant-Surgeon Royal Engineers.

QUINLAN, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon P., to be Assistant-Surgeon 90th Foot, *vice* Poppelwell.

RANDELL, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon H. L., to be Assistant-Surgeon Royal Engineers.

SPEEDY, Staff-Surgeon R., to be Surg. 45th Foot, *vice* F. C. Annesley. SUMMERS, Staff-Surgeon-Major J., M.D., to be Surgeon Royal Engineers.

To be Staff-Surgeons:—

BOYD, Surgeon W., 25th Foot, *vice* R. Speedy.

OGLIVY, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon J., M.D., *vice* T. M. Sunter, M.D.

SKUES, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon W. M., M.D., *vice* Porter.

STEWART, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon W., M.D., *vice* J. Summers, M.D.

TURNER, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon A. F., *vice* D. W. Lawlor.

To be Staff-Assistant-Surgeons:—

CLARKE, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon A. F. S., *vice* W. Stewart, M.D.

DREW, Assistant-Surgeon E., 83rd Foot, *vice* R. A. Hyde.

FOOTNER, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon E., *vice* P. Quinlan.

HALL, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon A. R., *vice* W. M. Skues, M.D.

POPPELWELL, Ass. stant-Surg. G. B., 90th Foot, *vice* A. F. Turner.

REID, Assistant-Surgeon E., 54th Foot, *vice* J. Ogilvy, M.D.

WATT, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon J., M.D., *vice* J. H. N. Bracken.

ROYAL NAVY. The following appointments have been made:—

BATESON, John M., Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Resistance*.

COWRIE, Peter, Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Edgar*.

HAGGETT, W. H., Esq., Surgeon, to the *Edgar*.

HAGUE, Robt., M.D., Assistant-Surg. (additional), to the *Hastings*.

MCCURDY, Benjamin H., Esq., Acting Assist.-Surg., to the *Rattler*.

MCSORLEY, Edward, Esq., Surgeon, to the *Rattler*.

MOCKRIDGE, John, Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Edgar*.

NIHILL, John, M.D., Surgeon, to the *Eagle*.

SCOTT, Robert C., Esq., Surgeon, to the *Resistance*.

DEATHS.

ARMSTRONG. On June 28, at Aldershot, aged 4, Peter Levison, only son of Lancelot Armstrong, M.D., 13th Hussars.

CARTER, Daniel, M.D., R.N., of Packington Street, Islington, at Moulton, aged 39, on June 28.

GREATREX. On June 23, at 23, Holborn Hill, Mary, wife of Augustus Greatrex, Esq., Surgeon, and daughter of *W. Marsden, Esq., Skipton, Yorkshire.

JACKSON, Mark W., Esq., at Stamford, aged 60, on July 4.

HOUGH. On June 27, at Cambridge, aged 15, Eliza Sophia, eldest daughter of James Hough, Esq., Surgeon.

LAWRENCE. On June 27, at Fulbourne, Cambridgeshire, aged 20, Louisa, wife of George W. Lawrence, M.D.

A BEQUEST of £100 has been made to the Brighton Self-supporting Dispensary by the late Dr. Roberts.

LEPROSY is on the spread in the West Indies; and, in consequence, the Colonial Secretary has asked advice of the Royal College of Physicians, who have appointed a Committee to investigate the subject.

ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF ASYLUMS AND HOSPITALS FOR THE INSANE. The annual meeting of this Association was held in London, at the Royal College of Physicians, on the 3rd inst., under the presidency of Dr. Kirkman. The Association afterwards dined at Richmond.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS. At a special meeting of the Council of this institution on the 7th inst., Mr. Francis Kiernan, F.R.S., was elected a member of the Court of Examiners, in the vacancy occasioned by the decease of Mr. Stanley on the 24th of May last. At this meeting of the Council, Mr. Paget of Leicester and Mr. Adams of St. Helen's Place took their seats, to which they were elected on the 3rd inst., in the vacancies occasioned by the resignation of Sir Benjamin Brodie, Bart., and the decease of Mr. Stanley. At a meeting of the Council in the afternoon of the 10th inst., Mr. James Luke, F.R.S., was, for the second time, elected President of the College; and Mr. Frederick Carpenter Skey, F.R.S., and Mr. Joseph Hodgson, F.R.S., were elected Vice-Presidents for the ensuing year. Mr. Samuel Solly, F.R.S., of St. Thomas's Hospital, was appointed Professor of Human Anatomy and Surgery;

and Messrs. George Gulliver, F.R.S., and T. H. Huxley, F.R.S., were appointed Professors of Comparative Anatomy and Physiology. Mr. Gulliver will also deliver the Hunterian Oration on the 14th of February next. At the recent election of Fellows into the Council, it is stated that 234 electors attended to record their votes. On reference to our advertising columns, it will be observed that the members of the College are invited by the Council to a *conversazione*, to meet the members of the British Medical Association, who hold their annual meeting this year in our metropolis.

MURDER OF A SURGEON BY A LUNATIC. A frightful murder was committed on Tuesday at the village of Sutton, about three miles from Weymouth. A man named John Cox had been for some time labouring under a brain disease, and had been under the medical treatment of Mr. Puckett, the parish surgeon for Sutton. It had been determined to remove him to the county asylum at Forston, and this determination had been incautiously expressed in Cox's hearing. On the day in question Mr. Puckett proceeded with a man named White to Cox's house to remove him, but on hearing that Cox had been violent and threatened to murder him, told White to go for a cart whilst he went in to Cox and endeavoured to quiet him, but the lunatic immediately darted at him and said he would kill him. Mr. Puckett immediately ran outside the door, and held the handle to prevent Cox from getting out, on which Cox endeavoured to jump out of the window to get at him, but was prevented by some iron bars fixed in front. The deceased incautiously let go the door, on which Cox rushed out, knocked him down, and stunned him with a blow over the eye, after which he dragged the body into the house, procured a saw, and deliberately sawed off the unfortunate man's head, and right foot and right hand. Cox's father and mother were outside, but were so terrified by his threats as to be incapable of rendering any assistance. He also threatened to kill his sister, who was in the house. Cox afterwards rifled the deceased's pockets, and threw the severed members out into the road, when he kicked them about, and afterwards ran away. He was taken soon afterwards by some people despatched to secure him, and conveyed to Weymouth. Mr. Puckett was over 60 years of age, and bore a high reputation amongst all classes.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY.....	Royal Free, 2 P.M.—Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's for Fistula and other Diseases of the Rectum, 1.15 P.M.—Samaritan, 2.30 P.M.
TUESDAY....	Guy's, 1½ P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.
WEDNESDAY...	St. Mary's, 1 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—Royal Orthopædic, 2 P.M.
THURSDAY.....	St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 P.M.—London, 1.30 P.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.—London Surgical Home, 2 P.M.
FRIDAY.....	Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.
SATURDAY.....	St. Thomas's, 1 P.M.—St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—King's College, 1.30 P.M.—Charing Cross, 2 P.M.

POPULATION STATISTICS AND METEOROLOGY OF LONDON—JULY 5, 1862.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

	Boys..	Girls..	Births.	Deaths.
During week.....	862	853	1715	1159
Average of corresponding weeks 1852-61			1684	1134
Barometer:				
Highest (Sun.) 29.827; lowest (Sat.) 29.419; mean, 29.697.				
Thermometer:				
Highest in sun—extremes (Sat.) 118.4 degs.; (Th.) 84 degs.				
In shade—highest (Sat.) 76 degrees; lowest (Sun.) 44.4 degs.				
Mean—56.8 degrees; difference from mean of 43 yrs.—4.6 degs.				
Range—during week, 31.6 degrees; mean daily, 19.6 degrees.				
Mean humidity of air (saturation=100), 81.				
Mean direction of wind, Var.—Rain in inches, 0.35.				

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

* * * All letters and communications for the JOURNAL, to be addressed to the EDITOR, 37, Great Queen St., Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.

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

RELIGIOUS SERVICE AT THE MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION.—

SIR: *Crilibet in arte sua credendum est.* I am surprised that Dr. Stewart did not see through so transparent a joke as X.P.'s. No man in his sober senses could in earnest make such a proposition. One party would wish the Bishop of London to officiate; another Cardinal Wiseman; and another Baptist Noel. It would only have the effect of producing religious animosity and discussion in a society, which has hitherto been peaceable and quiet.

I am, etc.,

Pershore, July 7th, 1862.

FRANCIS DAVIES.

[The best answer, as a contradiction to the correctness of our correspondent's views, may be found in the fact that other associations are not injured by a religious ceremony; the Social Science Association, for example, this year successfully commenced their London meeting with a service in Westminster Abbey. We recommend Schiller's words to our correspondent:—

“Zum Werke das wir ernst bereiten,
Geizt sich wohl ein ernstes Wort;
Wenn gute Reden sie begleiten,
Dann fliesst die Arbeit munter fort.” EDIT.]

SIR: I have read with satisfaction the letters addressed to you by X. P. and Dr. A. P. Stewart, and hope that “the very proper suggestion” of having a religious service at the meeting of the Association will not be allowed to fall through.

It is a subject which necessarily falls within the province of the Council, to which the care of the arrangements for the meeting is committed. I would venture, through the medium of the JOURNAL, to express a hope that they will give it their serious consideration. It would be for them to consider to whom they should apply to preach the sermon: and, whatever is done in this matter, should be done quickly.

I am, etc.,

York, July 8th, 1862.

G. SHANN.

DR. INMAN AND CLINICAL PRECISION.—SIR: I anticipated that your answer to my last would gather its inspiration from the cuttle-fish. Disregarding the muddle, however, I must keep you to the queries I put to you. (The one in the postscript, I see you have suppressed.) [Dr. Inman again repeats his queries already given; and then goes on as follows:] I have now in my possession letters containing evidence, which probably I should not have received, except for your rudeness to me on a previous occasion. Of rudeness, however, I do not complain, for to some people in office it comes naturally. But I shall not trust pearls to those who do not recognise the value of jewels. Show that you are capable of philosophical discussion, and know the value of evidence, and I will fearlessly demonstrate whose side is the nearest to precision.

I am, etc., THOMAS INMAN, M.D.

[Dr. Inman possesses evidence that men who have for months taken only water and alcohol, may live and thrive, and *even fatten*, on that diet. “I have investigated five cases, in which for many months nothing more was taken but alcohol and water.” We have begged for the publication of these most valuable facts; but Dr. Inman declines to publish them, for the insufficient reasons stated in the above note. Surely, he does not mean to infer that all the readers of the JOURNAL are swine, as well as the editor. EDITOR.]

W. S.—A correspondent writes, that he hopes we will not let the subject of the advertising of medical books in newspapers be forgotten. “Medical books should be advertised in medical journals; and then only if intended for the profession, and not for the public.”

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—Dr. GRAILY HEWITT; Dr. J. G. SWAYNE; Dr. LATHAM; Mr. G. SOUTHAM; Mr. G. P. GOLDSMITH; Dr. KIDD; Mr. D. KENT JONES; Dr. JAMES RUSSELL; Mr. J. V. SOLOMON; Dr. DIEUDONNE; Mr. WILLIAM COPNEY; Dr. COPEMAN; Dr. SHANN; Mr. T. WINDSOR; Mr. R. GRIFFIN; R. W. F.; Mr. G. GREAVES; and Mr. CLENDON.