

medical officers would be found perfectly ready to do their duty—as they had always done it—gratuitously. Old St. Mary's men turned up for the dinner from all parts of the world. Mr. Chisholm from Australia, Mr. Beresford from Buenos Ayres, Mr. Sargent from India. The meeting passed off with great *éclat*, for which much was owing to the songs of Mr. Lewin and the arrangements of Dr. Farquharson, Mr. Juler, and the ubiquitous dean of the school.

MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.

IN the dissecting-room are two subjects, which were laid down in August; five were applied for, for the purpose of storing for the opening of the session. These subjects have been preserved in the following manner: a solution of arsenic (two pounds to three gallons of water) is allowed to find its way into one of the large vessels through a tube in communication with a reservoir above. Usually about a gallon and a half of the solution are required for each body; then the coloured paint is injected; and the body, surrounded with a thick layer of sawdust made damp by a strong solution of carbolic acid, is fastened down in its shell until required. This plan answers very well; the subjects coming on to the table moist, of good colour, and free from smell.

There were some important changes made during last year in the school buildings: an additional lecture theatre, more especially for practical physiology, practical surgery, and pathology, was built; a new curator's room was added to the museum; and the laboratories and closets in connection with the dissecting-room were rebuilt.

The annual dinner took place on Monday evening at St. James's Hall; J. W. Hulke, F.R.S., Lecturer on Surgery, in the chair. It was very largely attended by over ninety past and present Middlesex students, several members of the staff, the Chairman of the Weekly Board, and a few guests. The enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by the really first-rate music and singing of Herr Gauzt, Drs. Roberts and Lavies, and Mr. Anderson Critchett. These gentlemen have on several previous occasions conferred a similar favour; and, if they have found at these festivals enthusiastic audiences, it is because their performances deserve the appreciation they obtain.

ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.

ELEVEN bodies are ready for the dissecting-room, most of which have been preserved by Howse's method practised at Guy's.

The only change in the school buildings is that they have been thoroughly cleaned and painted, and the comfort and health of the pupils have been looked after.

Many old students put in an appearance at the hospital on Monday, October 2nd; in the first place, to hear the admirable address delivered by Mr. Mason; and in the second, to meet their old friends at dinner in the evening. The dinner was held at Willis's Rooms; and, although not quite so many sat down as was anticipated, the dinner was nevertheless a complete success; there were about seventy present. Mr. Simon took the chair, and made several admirable speeches. He was, as usual, exceedingly happy and brilliant in his allusions and quotations, and met with a most hearty reception. A band from Messrs. Coote and Tinney was in attendance.

WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL.

AT this medical school, the method of preserving bodies for dissection is the same as that at St. George's Hospital; and one subject is at present in the room for students who commence dissecting early.

The important sanitary improvements now in hand at the Westminster Hospital will not interfere with school pursuits, and will eventually result in improved accommodation for lecturers and pupils.

After the introductory address by Dr. Allchin, on Monday last, a *conversazione* was held in the Board Room; and a full gathering of past and present pupils witnessed the distribution of prizes awarded during the session 1875-76.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH.

THE autumnal meeting of this Branch will be held at the Town Hall, Woburn, on Friday, October 13th, at 3.30 P.M.; H. W. SHARPIN, Esq., President, in the Chair.

Dinner at the Hotel at 5.30 P.M.

Gentlemen intending to read papers, or to be present at the dinner, are requested to communicate at once with Dr. Bryan.

An excursion to Woburn Abbey is proposed at 1.30 P.M.

J. M. BRYAN, M.D. } *Honorary Secretaries.*
W. MOXON, Esq. }

Northampton, September 19th, 1876.

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL: NOTICE OF MEETING.

A MEETING of the Committee of Council will be held at the Office of the Association, 36, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Wednesday, the 18th day of October next, at Three o'clock in the afternoon.

FRANCIS FOWKE,

General Secretary.

36, Great Queen Street, London, W.C., September 27th, 1876.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH.

THE next meeting of the above Branch will be held in the Examination Hall of the Queen's College, on Thursday, October 12th, 1876. The Chair will be taken at 3 P.M.

Dr. James Thompson will propose the following resolution; "That in the opinion of the Branch, the occupier of a house in which infectious disease occurs should be the person to give information to the medical officer of health of the existence of such disease."

The following papers are promised.—1. Dr. Russell: Clinical History of Tumours of the Brain.—2. Dr. Harrison: Three cases of Embolism, two of them Puerperal.

BALTHAZAR FOSTER, M.D. } *Honorary Secretaries.*
JAMES SAWYER, M.D. }

Birmingham, October 5th, 1876.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SURREY DISTRICT MEETINGS.

THE next meeting will be held at the White Hart Hotel, Reigate, on Thursday, October 12th, at 4 P.M.; Dr. C. HOLMAN in the Chair.

The following communications are promised.

1. Mr. Durham: A Paper.

2. Mr. Maunder will exhibit three patients recently submitted to Osteotomy of the Femur.

3. A Case of Hydrophobia, by Mr. R. Steele, with notes by Dr. Dyce Duckworth.

4. Missed Labour in a Cow, with Delivery after use of Barnes's Bags, by Mr. Hawker and Mr. R. Steele.

5. A *Résumé* of a Year's Practice in the Reigate Cottage Hospital, by Dr. Walters.

6. Two Cases of Fracture of both Thighs, by Dr. Flood and Dr. Holman.

Dinner will be provided at the White Hart Hotel at 6 P.M. Tickets, exclusive of wine, 6s. a head.

JOHN H. GALTON, M.D., *Honorary Secretary.*

Woodside, Anerley Road, S.E., September 20th, 1876.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH.

THE autumnal meeting of the above Branch will be held at Whitehaven, in the Board Room of the Whitehaven and West Cumberland Infirmary, on Friday, October 20th, at 1 P.M.

Gentlemen intending to read papers, or to be present at the dinner, are requested to give notice to the Secretaries.

RODERICK MACLAREN, } *Honorary Secretaries.*

JOHN SMITH, }

Carlisle, September 26th, 1876.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH.

A MEETING of this Branch will be held at the Royal Hotel, Scarborough, on Wednesday, October 25th, at 2.30 P.M.

After the meeting, the members will dine at the Royal Hotel, at 5.30 P.M. Tickets, 6s. 6d. each.

Gentlemen intending to join the dinner, or to bring forward communications, are requested at once to communicate with the Secretary.

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

York, October 3rd, 1876.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.

THE first ordinary meeting of the Session will be held at the Royal Hotel, Bristol, on Thursday evening, October 26th, at half-past Seven o'clock: H. F. A. GOODRIDGE, M.D., President.

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

Clifton, October 2nd, 1876.

THAMES VALLEY BRANCH.

A MEETING of the above Branch will be held at the Board Room, Richmond Infirmary, at 5 o'clock, on Wednesday, October 18th, 1876.

A paper will be read by Dr. Thorowgood; and a discussion will then take place on the Treatment of Burns.

There will be a dinner afterwards at the Greyhound Hotel at Seven o'clock. Charge, 7s. 6d. each, exclusive of wine.

Those who intend to be present at the dinner are requested to send word to the Honorary Secretary as soon as possible.

F. P. ATKINSON, *Honorary Secretary*.

Surbiton Road, Kingston-on-Thames, Sept. 27th, 1876.

STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH.

THE third annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Victoria Street, Wolverhampton, on Thursday, October 26th, at 2.30 P.M.

An address will be delivered by the President, W. MILLINGTON, Esq., M.D., M.R.C.P.Lond.

Dinner at 5 P.M. precisely. Tickets (exclusive of wine), 10s. 6d. each.

Members intending to be present are requested to communicate as soon as possible with the Honorary Secretaries.

VINCENT JACKSON, Wolverhampton. } *Honorary Secretaries*.

RALPH GOODALL, Silverdale.

Wolverhampton, October 2nd, 1876.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ANDERSONIAN LECTURESHIP ON MEDICINE.

SIR,—As my name has been mentioned in your columns, and in those of one or two of the local papers, in connection with the above appointment; and as the object which I had in view would be somewhat defeated were, under these circumstances, an explanation from me not forthcoming, I shall feel obliged by your allowing me the following brief observations. The idea of succeeding against Dr. Charteris never entered my mind, for reasons too apparent to be mentioned; and he was himself perfectly aware of this. At the last moment, however, as a public invitation to candidates was given, I made an application, but *entirely in vindication of a principle which I maintain*. In Glasgow, as elsewhere, it too frequently happens that very little dignity must be attained at the sacrifice of much personal humiliation. I could *never make up my mind to the exclusive right of one section of the profession more than another to teach or give gratis advice to the poor*—to hold, in fact, a monopoly of doing good; and, as on more than one occasion I have had to pocket a good deal of feeling of which I am rightly or wrongly proud, I conceived on this occasion the *revenge* of lodging an application for the lectureship on medicine, stating, at the same time, that I was *opposed to the principle of personal and friendly solicitation, and that I advisedly abstained from endeavouring to influence the directors in this manner*. What would become of that admixture of arrogance and ignorance which, to such an extent, regulates the destinies of our profession, and makes advancement in it depend so much on sneaking sycophancy, if this rule were universally observed?

The statement may be made by individuals hostile to me, with as much jubilation as they like, that I received *five* votes; but I can assert that I have no idea who the five gentlemen were who voted for me; and I feel proud to think that neither social influence nor ecclesiastical caprice determined this, if small, grateful support. For myself I am quite satisfied; and if others derive satisfaction from a different phase of the transaction, so far as I am concerned, they are heartily welcome to it.—I am, etc.,

D. CAMPBELL BLACK.

Glasgow, October 3rd, 1876.

OAKUM-PESSARY.

SIR,—I am aware that women have been told to retain their urine when suffering from anteversion; that Huguier thought stuffing the rectum with tow might cure retroversion; and that, in a slipshod fashion, sponges are put up the vagina in cases of prolapsus; but I did not know that systematic plugging the vagina with oakum was a plan of treatment to be depended on for the cure of prolapsus uteri; and when I found Mr. Morgan recommending it as satisfactory to himself and to his medical friends, and that women could easily apply this remedy to themselves, I eagerly availed myself of your JOURNAL to obtain more precise information respecting this plan of treatment, because the treatment of uterine displacements is the most unsatisfactory part of gynaecology.

Instead of giving me the corrected information, Mr. Morgan retreats under the shadow of Dr. Copeman's respected name; but, like the coy maiden who, while retreating, still further exhibits her charms, Mr. Morgan never hints that the oakum-pessary may even be applicable in some cases of flexion and version. Surely Mr. Morgan will explain to us what he has demonstrated to the satisfaction of his friends; and, lest I should be obliged to trouble you again, I wish to know what are the *particular "cases requiring support"* that do well under treatment by the oakum-pessary, and what *particularities* of flexion and version are benefited by its use? In what way is the vagina to be plugged, to what extent and how long is the plug to be left in? Whether it is to be reapplied and for how long? Whether, in the meantime, the patient can walk without inconvenience, or is liable to suffer in any way? Whether the treatment has more than a palliative effect? Any other remarks will be acceptable to your readers and to yours faithfully,

Seymour Street, Portman Square.

EDWARD J. TILT.

PUBLIC HEALTH
AND
POOR-LAW MEDICAL SERVICES.

THE Rev. F. W. Burbidge, Dr. J. Anthony, and Messrs. D. Archer, W. Clayton, J. Garlick, W. W. Hart, H. Hordley, jun., T. Hunt, G. Ingall, J. Rawlins, E. Strutt, and J. Vaughan, have been elected members of the newly formed Salfrey Local Board. The first meeting was held last week, and Dr. Anthony appointed Chairman.

AT Chopwell, a township in the parish of Winlaton, Durham, a meeting of owners and ratepayers has been held, and a resolution passed that it is expedient that it should be constituted a Local Government District under the Public Health Act.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL COX, R.E., one of the Local Government Board Inspectors, has held an inquiry, upon the application of the owners and ratepayers of Reddish, to have the township formed into a Local Government District. It was shown that the rateable value of the property had increased from £10,250 to £29,280, and the population from 1,363 to about 5,000, during the last ten years. No opposition was offered, and the application will, therefore, in all probability, be acceded to.

THE Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Ipswich, acting by the Town Council, have, by an order of the Local Government Board, been constituted the Port Sanitary Authority till September 29th, 1877.

POOR-LAW MEDICAL OFFICERS AND MEDICINE.

A MEMBER of the Association and constant reader of the JOURNAL most respectfully begs to call the editor's attention to what he believes to be an error at page 418 of the last number. It is there stated, under the heading "Public Health and Poor-law Medical Services", as follows: "That no workhouse medical officer in the metropolis has found any medicine whatever for some years past, such being always found by the guardians under the provisions of Mr. Gathorne Hardy's Metropolitan Poor Act of 1867." The statement in the above extract is incorrect. The medical officer of the Marylebone Workhouse finds all medicines and medical appliances for a fixed sum annually: the writer of this is also under an impression that the medical officer finds wine, etc., under the terms of the contract with the guardians.

* * Some years ago, an arrangement existed whereby all drugs and appliances were found by the guardians of the Marylebone Workhouse, and certain medical gentlemen gave voluntary attendance on the sick poor of the house, the infirmary department being recognised as a hospital. This, after working most successfully for many years, came to an end, through the licensing bodies refusing to recognise the attendance at the infirmary; the medical gentlemen also resigned. Subsequently, the guardians contracted with a medical man, who for a stipulated sum found everything. When the Metropolitan Poor Act was introduced, neither the medical officer nor the guardians were disposed to disturb the contract entered into, which, by the bye, was unusually generous, so far as the medical officer is concerned. We believe this is the only instance in the metropolis where the provisions of the Metropolitan Poor Act have not been carried out in their integrity, so far as the provision of all medicines, etc., by the guardians is concerned. The Marylebone guardians were the last to introduce the dispensary system into their parish.

DEPUTY SURGEON-GENERAL G. AUCHINLECK, M.D., has been appointed Principal Medical Officer at Chatham, on promotion, *vice* Deputy Surgeon-General R. Bowen, transferred in a similar capacity to Portsmouth.

MILITARY AND NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICES.

ARMY MEDICAL SCHOOL AT NETLEY.

THE winter session of the Army Medical School was opened on the 2nd instant. The introductory address was delivered by Professor De Chaumont, who has succeeded to the Chair of Hygiene left vacant by the lamented decease of the late Professor Parkes. The printed list showed that sixty-six candidates for medical commissions were present; viz., twenty for the Naval, thirteen for the Indian, and thirty-three for the Army Medical Service. The commandant and staff of the hospital were present at Dr. De Chaumont's address.

UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY.—Professor Humphry gives notice as follows. The Course of Lectures on Practical Anatomy will commence (with the Description of the Joints) on Tuesday, October 10th, at 9 A.M.) and be continued daily till October 23rd, and after that on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The Course of Lectures on Anatomy and Physiology will commence on Thursday, October 19th, at 1 P.M., and be continued on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. The subject this term will be the Nervous System with the Organs of Special Sense. Gentlemen not requiring certificates may attend this course without fee. Both courses are intended for students preparing for the Natural Sciences Tripos as well as the Medical Examinations. Superintendence of Practical Anatomy daily from 9 to 4.

OBITUARY.

EDWIN BARTLEET, F.R.C.S., CHIPPING CAMPDEN.

ON Friday, September 29th, whilst on a visit to his daughter at London, Mr. Edwin Bartleet, of Campden, Gloucestershire, died somewhat suddenly, in his seventy-fourth year. Mr. Bartleet was a student of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and practised for more than forty years in Birmingham, where he was highly and deservedly respected and esteemed. For some years he was Surgeon to the Birmingham Eye Infirmary, and only relinquished this specialty on account of the claims of a large and important private practice. Mr. Bartleet was for many years a member of the Committee of Council of the Association; and his urbanity and tact, as also his open-hearted hospitality, were of no slight service. For the last ten years, Mr. Bartleet had relinquished practice, and had resided at Chipping Campden, in Gloucestershire, where he had ably and conscientiously fulfilled his duties as justice of the peace, and where he was much respected.

MEDICAL NEWS.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentleman passed his examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received a certificate to practise, on Thursday, September 28th, 1876.

Gabe, John, Poplar Hospital

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

Jackson, Thomas, Middlesex Hospital
Saunders, William, University College Hospital
Stewart, John McDougall, Middlesex Hospital
Webb, William Wilfrid, Charing Cross Hospital
Welchman, Henry Palmer, Birmingham Hospital
Wiles, Frederick William, London Hospital

At the Preliminary Examination in Arts, held at the Hall of the Society, on the 29th and 30th of September, 1876—91 candidates presented themselves; of whom 29 were rejected, and the following 62 passed, and received certificates of proficiency in general education—viz., in the First Class, in order of merit:

1. L. Stokes. 2. R. S. Batson. 3. A. Liebmman, and F. W. Nicholson. 5. J. Parrott, J. H. Spry, and W. H. Weston. 8. A. J. Stiles, and J. Walpole. 10. A. De Prenderville, H. S. W. Hall, S. Gordon Smith, and J. Whelpoll. 14. R. J. Allan, and T. W. L. Beales. 16. W. E. Bradley, H. V. Knaggs, and J. F. Spong. 19. O. A. Collins, T. M. Day, H. O. Fisher, and H. Visger.

In the Second Class, in alphabetical order:

- J. E. Anderton, J. B. Baker, L. P. Banks, J. F. Braga, J. W. Cazalet, W. H. Cory, C. E. H. Cotes, J. S. E. Cotman, C. E. Faunce, H. Gilchrist, S. Goodman, H. Gravely, G. A. Green, W. H. B. Hall, S. S. Hewlett, J. S. Hunt.

D. W. Jones, A. S. Kenny, F. W. E. Kinnier, J. T. Land, R. W. Laing, A. Lane, C. J. Lumpkin, E. C. MacPhee, L. Macrae, F. R. Nichols, W. A. J. Nottingham, J. I. Palmer, F. C. Payne, R. W. Pickering, H. A. J. Raymond, T. P. Roberts, R. E. Rygate, W. Spencer, W. F. Stephan, F. Sturges, D. C. Trott, S. Whitaker, and H. Wilson.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE UNION—Medical Officer for the Second District.
BELGRAVE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN—House-Surgeon. Applications on or before October 10th.
HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, 49, Great Ormond Street—Medical Registrar. Applications on or before October 12th.
LANCASTER INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY—House-Surgeon. Salary, £125 per annum, with apartments, etc. Applications on or before Oct. 12th.
LEEDS PUBLIC DISPENSARY—Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £80 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications on or before October 14th.
LEICESTER FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' ASSOCIATION—Assistant Medical Officer. Applications on or before October 10th.
NORTH DEVON INFIRMARY, Barnstaple—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with board, lodging, etc. Applications on or before October 7th.
ROYAL SURREY COUNTY HOSPITAL—House-Surgeon. Salary, £75 per annum, and apartments. Applications on or before October 7th.
STOCKWELL SMALL-POX HOSPITAL—Temporary Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £3 per week, with board and lodging. Applications on or before October 6th.
SUNDERLAND INFIRMARY—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum, with board and residence. Applications on or before October 21st.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

EADES, Henry, M.R.C.S., appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital, and Medical Tutor and Demonstrator of Anatomy to the Queen's College, Birmingham.
JONES, Thomas, M.D., Senior Assistant-Physician to Victoria Hospital, appointed Physician, *vice* J. Cavafy, M.D., resigned.
*TUCK, Buckmaster Joseph, J.P., M.R.C.S.Eng., and L.S.A., elected Mayor of Seaford, Sussex.
WILKINS, E. W. S., M.R.C.S., appointed House-Surgeon to the Blackburn and East Lancashire Infirmary, *vice* Wm. Crawford, M.A., M.B., 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.

BIRTHS.

MORRIS.—On September 22nd, at Euston Place, Leamington, the wife of *Joseph Morris, Surgeon, of a daughter.
SATCHELL.—On September 25th (Tin Wedding-Day), at Groombridge, near Tunbridge Wells, the wife of *Walter A. Satchell, F.R.C.P.Edin., M.R.C.S.Eng., etc., etc., of a daughter.
MOXON.—On October 4th, the wife of *B. H. Moxon, L.R.C.P.Ed., 1, Bond Street, Hull, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

TUCK—MANBY.—On October 3rd, at the Parish Church, Seaford, Sussex, by the Rev. W. H. M. Buck, Vicar, *Buckmaster Joseph Tuck, J.P., M.R.C.S., Mayor of Seaford, to Elizabeth Sarah, second daughter of W. E. Manby, Esq., of Gable End House, Seaford, and Regent's Park, London.
WILLIAMS—EVANS.—On the 4th instant, at the Parish Church, Wrexham, by the Rev. John Jones, Vicar of Rhos, assisted by the Rev. William Williams, Vicar of Llanhaïr, M., and the Rev. James Dixon, Senior Curate of Wrexham, Joseph Llewelyn Williams, M.B., Wrexham, to Margaret Rimmer, eldest daughter of Edward Evans, Esq., Bronwylla, Ruabon.

DEATH.

*BARTLEET, Edwin, Esq., F.R.C.S., of Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, suddenly, on September 29th.

BEQUESTS.—The late Sir James Campbell of Strathcathro has made in his will the following bequests to charitable institutions free of legacy duty. Glasgow Royal Infirmary, Glasgow Western Infirmary, and Glasgow University New Building Fund, each £1,000; Glasgow Eye Infirmary, Glasgow Ophthalmic Institution, Brechin Infirmary, and Montrose Infirmary, each £250. The total amount left to various charities was £10,000.—Mrs. Marian Nasmyth, late of Westbourne Park Terrace, who died on February 12th, has bequeathed to St. George's Hospital £6,000, and to University College Hospital £5,000; and, in doing so, she trusts it will not be inconsistent with the rules and regulations of the governing bodies of such hospitals to establish with these sums in their respective hospitals a ward, to be called "Mrs. Marian Nasmyth's ward".

ENGLISH SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS.—We are informed that Messrs. Salt and Son of Birmingham have this week added to their already long list of honourable distinctions for excellence of their surgical instruments and mechanical appliances a silver medal, for their display of trusses and surgical instruments at the Brussels International Exhibition. They received prize medals at Vienna in 1873, and at Dublin in 1865, and a honourable mention at the Paris Exhibition in 1867.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAYMetropolitan 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.
TUESDAYGuy'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.
WEDNESDAYSt. 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.
THURSDAYSt. 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.—Hospital for Women, 2 P.M.—St. Thomas's (Ophthalmic Department), 3 P.M.
FRIDAYRoyal 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.—Guy's, 1.30 P.M.
SATURDAYSt. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—King's College, 1.30 P.M.—Charing Cross, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—East London Hospital for Children, 2 P.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—St. Thomas's, 9.30 A.M. and 1.30 P.M.—Royal Free, 9 A.M. and 2 P.M.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

- TUESDAY.—Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, 8.30 P.M. Mr. William Adams, "On Subcutaneous Division of the Neck of the Femur for Ankylosis of the Hip-joint"; Mr. Davies-Colley, "Case of Resection of the Tarsal Bones for Congenital Talipes Equinus Varus".
- WEDNESDAY.—Hunterian Society, 7.30 P.M.: Council Meeting, 8 P.M.: Dr. J. Braxton Hicks, F.R.S., "Some Cases of Suppurating Ovarian Cysts treated by Drainage-tube: with Remarks on Diagnosis".
- FRIDAY.—Clinical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Dr. Wolston and Mr. Maunder, "Case of Intestinal Obstruction"; Mr. Gordon Brown and Mr. Maunder, "Sequel of a Case of Enterotomy, with Artificial Anus in the Small Intestine"; Mr. Teevan, "Case of Traumatic Stricture, with numerous Fistulae, cured by Internal Urethrotomy"; Mr. Higgins, "Case of Hydatid of the Orbit"; Dr. Cayley, "Case of Empyema, in which washing out the Pleural Cavity was followed by Convulsions and Death".

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS 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, Mr. T. Richards, 37, Great Queen Street, W.C.

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.

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.

WE are compelled by pressure on space, owing to the publication of abstracts of the Introductory Address, to omit from this issue three pages of Letters, Notes, and Answers to Correspondents.

ANTIDOTE TO MUSHROOM-POISONING.

THE introduction of atropia daturia, or stramonium, in substance or extract, as an antidote to mushroom-poisoning, a practice now common and successful in Italy, has been recently attributed, in paragraphs which have been much copied by the general press, to Professor Schiff of Florence (*Imparziale*, Nos. 11 and 12, and *London Medical Record*). Although, however, Professor Schiff has, by his authority, confirmed and extended the use of this antidote, its introduction was first recommended by Dr. Lauder Brunton, as the result of the investigations of himself and Schmiedeberg.

THE publication of a number of letters relating to the Use of Alcohol is postponed till next week.

PRESCRIBING CHEMISTS IN AUSTRALIA.

AT an inquest held in Adelaide a few weeks ago on the body of a woman who had died from scarlet fever, after having been attended by a chemist only, the jury returned the following verdict: "That she died of scarlet fever. We are of opinion that Mr. Wood is highly censurable for prescribing in this case, and that the practice of chemists prescribing in serious cases of illness should be discontinued."—*Australian Medical Journal*.

MR. BROWN (Northallerton) must express his opinions in the ordinary language of courteous intercourse if he wish them to receive attention.

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SIR,—In justice to the Silicated Carbon Filter Company, allow me to say that I have used one of their filters for the last three months in my own house, in preference to several others, and I am so satisfied with its simplicity and efficiency, after testing it in various ways, that I have already recommended it to the various sanitary authorities in my district, and also to private friends, as in my opinion not only the easiest cleaned, but the most perfect of any filter yet offered to the public.

—I am, sir, your obedient servant,
A. MACKINTOSH, M.D.
Medical Officer of Health, Chesterfield.

MR. COCHRANE (Colmonell).—One letter is in type, and the other shall be published at an early date.

CHRONIC PEMPHIGUS.

SIR,—In answer to Enquirer, I had lately two patients suffering from this disease—a tailor, aged 67, half-starved, and his daughter in a similar condition. The father rapidly recovered from taking phosphorus pearls—or, as sometimes spelled, perls—and mild aperients. To the daughter (as phosphorus is not expedient in young persons—port wine and quinine, with stimulating diaphoretics, were given with complete success. The father had several relapses, but the phosphorus always removed his complaint. The daughter went out to service, and grew four inches in a year, and remained well.

A third aged and starved patient was relieved of his complaint by phosphorus pearls and improved diet.—Your obedient servant,
R.
P.S.—Enquirer should cure the ulcer in the leg, the probable cause of the debility.

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