

## ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

## SHROPSHIRE AND MID-WALES BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury, on Wednesday, September 19th, at 1.30 P.M. : J. RIDER, Esq., President, in the Chair.

The dinner will take place at the Lion Hotel, at 4.30. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, exclusive of wine.

The Secretary will feel obliged if those members who intend to read papers, or bring forward subjects for discussion, will kindly inform him as soon as convenient.

HENRY NELSON EDWARDS, *Honorary Secretary.*

Shrewsbury, September 3rd, 1877.

## NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.

THE autumnal meeting of this Branch will be held at Stockton, on Tuesday, September 25th.

Gentlemen desirous of reading papers or making other communications, are requested to give notice to the Secretary.

G. H. PHILIPSON, M.D., *Honorary Secretary.*  
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, August 20th, 1877.

PUBLIC HEALTH  
AND  
POOR-LAW MEDICAL SERVICES.

THE Wakefield Guardians and Rural Sanitary Authority have been invested with urban powers over the district of Stanley-cum-Wrenthorpe.

THE Bulwell Local Board and Urban Sanitary Authority, Nottingham, have increased the salary of Mr. Robert G. Buckby, the Medical Officer of Health, from £30 to £50 per annum.

THE POOR-LAWS.—In reply to the recommendations of a deputation to the Local Government Board of Poor-Law Guardians, under the auspices of the Social Science Association, Mr. Slater-Booth has conceded the following points:—That grandsons should be liable to help to support their pauper grandparents; that some better arrangement for the recovery of the costs of medical advice should be devised; that Justices of the Peace should be empowered on receiving a certificate from the medical officer, to order the removal to a workhouse of persons without proper lodging and accommodation; that no relief should be given for a longer period than thirteen weeks without a reconsideration of the case; that immediate out-door relief to widows with children be modified by taking some of the children into the workhouse; that it is inexpedient to allow out-door relief to the wives and children of persons who are in gaol; and that non-resident relief should be as a rule abolished. Although unable to acquiesce in all the suggestions of the deputation, the President was fully in accord with them in the desire to place the administration of out-door relief upon a sound and proper basis throughout the country: and with that object he was glad to endorse so much of the views of the deputation.

## REPORTS OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH.

ROTHERHAM.—Dr. Hardwicke begins his report by referring to the large rainfall in 1875 and 1876; viz., 26.4 inches in the former, and 28.7 in the latter year, with a considerable decrease in the number of deaths from zymotic diseases and bronchitis. The population is estimated at 30,149. The number of births is returned as 1,314, and of deaths 653; so that the birth-rate was 43.6 and the death-rate only 20.16 per 1,000 population. The deaths of children under one year to registered births were 18.41 per cent. The inspector's report shows that a system of house-to-house inspection is carried out; as, whilst only 139 complaints were received, no less than 3,150 houses and premises were inspected. The house-drainage must be very imperfect, as 10,109 loads of night-soil were removed; but, as it is stated that new sewers have been made, these nuisances will probably be speedily abated.

## PUBLIC HEALTH MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

\*THOMSON, W., M.D., re-elected Officer of Health to the Peterborough Urban and Rural Sanitary Authorities.

## MILITARY AND NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICES.

ARMY MEDICAL SCIENCE.—List of gentlemen who were successful for appointments in Her Majesty's Army Medical Service, at the examination held at the University of London, on August 13th, 1877.

	Marks.	Marks.	
1. Keayes, W. ....	2240	16. Barrington, H. E. W. ....	1505
2. Crofts, F. W. ....	2014	17. Lloyd, O. E. P. ....	1495
3. Young, P. G. ....	1928	18. Smith, R. B. ....	1495
4. Beamish, R. T. ....	1851	19. McLaughlin, H. J. ....	1480
5. Lundy, A. C. J. R. ....	1785	20. Grier, H. ....	1465
6. Parker, W. A. ....	1780	21. Leader, N. ....	1465
7. Green, A. P. ....	1764	22. Donovan, H. L. ....	1463
8. Rayne, C. A. ....	1755	23. Bell, G. W. ....	1445
9. Anderson, J. ....	1725	24. Conolly, J. V. ....	1387
10. Power, E. R. ....	1725	25. Lyle, A. A. ....	1380
11. Maguire, D. ....	1615	26. Clinch, J. V. ....	1378
12. Mulrenan, J. ....	1600	27. O'Neill, L. S. ....	1365
13. Pedlow, J. ....	1585	28. Charlton, H. A. H. ....	1335
14. Tidbury, J. ....	1550	29. Quarry, C. ....	1315
15. Routh, J. J. ....	1515	30. Hayes, W. ....	1250

M.B. asks whether officers of the Army Medical Department who may wish to retire from the service in one or two years after joining, either owing to their finding it unsuitable for them or for other reasons, find any difficulty in doing so?

## MEDICAL NEWS.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, August 30th, 1877.

Edwards, William Whitfield, Llanansantffraid, Oswestry  
Knox, Charles, Claughton, Birkenhead  
Stevenson, Walter Thomas, Snaith, Yorkshire

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

Bridges, Ashley Colston, St. Mary's Hospital  
Webster, Ridley Manning, Middlesex Hospital  
Wright, Herbert Elliston, Guy's Hospital

## MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—

AMERSHAM UNION—Medical Officer. Salary, £50 per annum, and fees. Applications on or before September 27th.

BEDFORD GENERAL INFIRMARY—Resident Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications on or before September 27th.

CARLISLE DISPENSARY—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £90 per annum, with apartments, coals, gas, and attendance.

CITY OF LONDON LYING-IN HOSPITAL, City Road—Consulting Surgeon. Applications on or before September 18th.

DENTAL HOSPITAL OF LONDON—Medical Tutor and Demonstrator of Dental Operations. Salary, £100 per annum to each of the offices. Applications to be made on or before September 15th.

KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL—House Surgeon and Dispenser. Salary, £50 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications on or before September 21st.

NANTWICH UNION—Medical Officer. Salary, £36 per annum and fees. Applications on or before September 12th.

NORTH-EASTERN HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Hackney Road—Physician. Applications on or before September 11th.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £40 per annum, with furnished apartments, board, and washing. Applications on or before September 14th.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road—Assistant Physician and Assistant Surgeon. Applications to be made on or before September 29th.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—Pathologist and Medical Tutor. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications on or before September 24th.

ST. MATTHEW, Bethnal Green—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £200 per annum, with board and residence. Applications on or before September 27th.

WESTERN GENERAL DISPENSARY—Hon. Physician and Hon. Surgeon. Applications on or before September 18th.

## 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 announcement.

## MARRIAGE.

SHAPTER—BAYLY.—On September 3rd, at St. Sidwell's Church, Exeter, by the Rev. Canon Blackall, assisted by the Rev. H. D. Shapter (uncles of the bridegroom), \*Lewis Shapter, M.D., The Barnfield, Exeter, to Charlotte, youngest daughter of Capt. E. Bayly, Friars Lodge, Exeter.

LECTURES ON PHYSIOLOGY FOR LADIES.—Under the auspices of the Yorkshire Ladies' Council of Education, a course of sixteen lectures on Elementary Physiology will be delivered at Leeds by Dr. Edith Peckey. The introductory lecture by Miss Peckey was delivered on August 29th. At the conclusion of each lecture, tutorial instruction will be given to the lady students attending the class.

## 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.—Royal Orthopaedic, 2 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.—King's College, 2 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.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 p.m.—St. Thomas's, 1.30 p.m.
THURSDAY....	St. George's, 1 p.m.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 p.m.—Charing Cross, 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), 4 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.—Guy's, 1.30 p.m.
SATURDAY....	St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 p.m.—King's College, 1.30 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, 1.30 p.m.—Royal Free, 9 A.M. and 2 p.m.

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 BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, are requested to communicate beforehand with the printer, Mr. Thomas Richards, 37, Great Queen Street, W.C.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.—We shall be much obliged to Medical Officers of Health if they will, on 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, 37, Great Queen Street, W.C.; 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., London.

## INTENDED PROSECUTION OF A MEDICAL STUDENT IN GLASGOW.

IT may be remembered that some time ago we mentioned the existence of an outcry against the officials of the Glasgow Maternity Hospital, in relation to a woman who had been delivered of a child there. This case, known as the case of Flora McLean, has now been taken up by the authorities; and the house-surgeon, matron, and two of the nurses are to be subjected to a criminal prosecution. It has been felt that the house-surgeon, although not to be shielded from the due course of justice, ought to be supplied with the means of defending himself, and a subscription has been set on foot to enable him to employ proper counsel in his defence. The appeal has, we believe, been already responded to with considerable liberality by the medical profession in Glasgow and neighbourhood; and we are sure that if any who are acquainted with the case and have not yet subscribed see this notice, they will at once send a subscription to Dr. James Morton, Glasgow, the honorary treasurer of the fund. The subscriptions vary from five shillings to a guinea.

## PROVIDENT DISPENSARIES, MEDICAL AID SOCIETIES OR CLUBS.

SIR,—Will you, or any of your readers and members, kindly inform me if there is anything like the above established, to give medical advice, medicine, etc., at home, or at a fixed place, without visiting? If so, I should like to know how they work and the particulars of working them, and my best way to commence starting one. Would it be unprofessional to send circulars? Being a young married medical man, suffering from an internal complaint, which has compelled me to give up my present practice, I am desirous of doing something, but it must be free from exertion and nightwork. I am going to reside in a seaside town, where there is no hospital or dispensary, so I thought something like the above might answer. What should be my conduct as regards the resident medical men; should I call on them on my arrival and state my intention, or not? I do not wish to work at variance with them. A reply in your next number will greatly oblige, yours truly,

A MEMBER.

\*.\* We are not at present aware of any analogous case to that of our correspondent. Such, however, may exist, and perhaps some of our readers will kindly inform us. We would decidedly recommend our correspondent to communicate on his arrival with the resident medical men and freely state to them the circumstances and intentions, and there is no doubt that he would meet with generous consideration.

## VIVISECTION.

AT a meeting of the Midland Counties Veterinary Association, held at Wolverhampton, a discussion took place on the subject of vivisection. The practice was condemned as unnecessary for the purpose of ordinary surgical education; and, when practised for the purpose of scientific knowledge, the meeting was of opinion that the operation should be performed only by experienced professors, and that no animal should be operated on except under the influence of an anaesthetic.

MR. MASON (Pontypool).—It is scarcely possible to express a decided opinion on the ethical point in dispute, without knowing what the other side has to say. We would recommend our correspondent to again apply to the surgeon of whose conduct he complains for an explanation, and to inform us of the result.

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.

## THE ANNUAL MUSEUM AT MANCHESTER.

THE museum secretaries very much regret that one of Dr. Braidwood's microscopical slides has been lost during the recent meeting of the Association. The missing slide has a special value, inasmuch as one of the drawings which appeared in the JOURNAL was taken from it. The secretaries will feel much obliged to the other gentlemen who have exhibited microscopic sections, if they will look through their specimens to see whether the slide in question may not have got inadvertently into one of their boxes. Should any gentleman have the good fortune to meet with this slide (section of skin in scarlet fever), it will save time if he will return it direct to Dr. Braidwood, 35, Park Road South, Birkenhead.

## NATIONAL FUNDS ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

SIR.—I have examined several lives for the National Funds Assurance Association (Limited), but have received no remittance of fees. The examination took place in July 1875. No reply has been received from my numerous applications for my account; but my last letter was returned, marked by the Post Office officials "Gone—no address". Can any of your correspondents give me any information as to the whereabouts of the Society?—I am, etc.,

S. C. R. A.

## MEDICAL ETIQUETTE.

SIR.—Will you allow me to ask your opinion on the following point? A. is an old practitioner, and has attended a certain family for more than twenty years. The wife dies, and the widower marries again. In about six weeks after marriage, his second wife takes ill. A. is called in, and pronounces it a bilious attack, complicated with nervous disturbance. She gets better and then worse, and goes on in this way for a fortnight, when she wishes her medical attendant before marriage to be called in to consult with A. B. accordingly comes. The patient is taking effervescing salines for the sickness. B. changes the medicine to lemon-juice and potash. B. is asked to come with A. again in the morning. The husband meets A. and B. coming together in the morning, and says, "My wife requests that B. will not withdraw from the case". The patient is seen by both A. and B. A. feels that he has lost the confidence of the wife, perhaps of the husband too, although he used to be lavish in his expression of confidence in A. A. begs to withdraw under the circumstances, and B. keeps the case without any hesitation. Is he (B.) justified in doing so?—Yours faithfully,

AN OLD SUBSCRIBER TO THE JOURNAL.

\*.\* The case in question is an instance of the treatment to which professional men are liable through the fickleness of their patients: and it is not easy to be always secure against such treatment. Still we think that B., if he were aware (as we suppose he was) of the length of time during which A. was the medical attendant of the family, should have remonstrated strongly against the displacement of A. in his favour.

M.D. (Queenstown) asks whether a member of the Apothecaries' Company of London is disentitled to hold the appointment of medical apothecary to a hospital or dispensary in Ireland. According to the Medical Act, he is qualified for the office: but the answer to our correspondent's question would depend on the existence in the hospital in question of rules limiting its officers to the holders of certain qualifications.

## VITAL VALUE OF PLUGGING.

REFERRING to our note under this head at page 145 of the JOURNAL for August 4th, the gentleman concerned in the case in question writes as follows:—"If by *secundum artem* you mean that, as a general rule, a cut-throat should not be treated by 'plugging', I freely admit the general appropriateness of your remarks; but the case in question was one of such an exceptional character, that I had no hesitation in adopting 'plugging', because I saw at once that any other treatment would have been of no vital value,

We are indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news, reports, and other matters of medical interest:—The Birmingham Daily Post; The Durham Chronicle; The Harrogate Herald; The Sunderland Times; The Lincolnshire Chronicle; The Bromsgrove Weekly Messenger; The Manchester Courier; The Broad Arrow; The Cork Examiner; The Cork Daily Herald; The Rotherham and Mabro' Advertiser; The Liverpool Daily Courier; The York Herald; The North Wales Chronicle; The Sheffield Daily Telegraph; The Blyth Weekly News; The Glasgow Herald; The Nottingham Journal; The Eastbourne Standard; The Scarborough Daily Post; The Isle of Wight Observer; The Sussex Daily News; The Metropolitan; The Leeds Mercury; The Belfast News Letter; The Devonport Independent; The St. Pancras Gazette; etc.

\*.\* We shall be greatly obliged if correspondents forwarding newspapers will kindly mark the passages to which it is desired to direct attention.

## COMMUNICATIONS, LETTERS, etc., have been received from:—

Dr. Paget, Cambridge; Dr. Macleod, Glasgow; Dr. George Johnson, London; Dr. J. Matthews Duncan, Edinburgh; Dr. M. A. Eason Wilkinson, Manchester; Mr. S. B. Mason, Pontypool; Mr. Richard Jeffreys, Chelmsford; Mr. G. H. Whidborne, Exeter; Dr. Thomson, Peterborough; Dr. R. H. S. Carpenter, London; Mr. J. B. Johnson, Highgate; Alpha; Dr. Francis Warner, London; The Secretary of Apothecaries' Hall; Dr. John Fegan, Belfast; The Registrar-General of England; Dr. McKendrick, Glasgow; M.D.; The Registrar-General of Ireland; W. W.; Dr. J. Milner Fothergill, London; A. W. D.; Dr. Wardell, Tunbridge Wells; R. M.; Dr. Alfred S. Taylor, London; Mr. Frederick Scott, Manchester; Our Edinburgh Correspondent; Dr. Goodhart, London; Mr. N. A. Humphreys, London; Dr. James Ross, Manchester; Dr. Heywood Smith, London; Dr. W. Fairlie Clarke, Southborough; Dr. Donovan, Leicester; Mr. H. Graham, London; Mr. W. H. Jalland, York; Dr. Collie, Homerton; Dr. J. W. Moore, Dublin; Dr. Joseph Bell, Edinburgh; B. D.; Forcaps; Mr. Bennett May, Birmingham; Dr. J. G. Blake, Birmingham; Dr. Walters, Reigate; etc.