

It is with respect to the question of emaciation that these facts are most important. Emaciation, like poverty, may be the result of many concurrent factors. If a person, in the circumstances of Mrs. Staunton, had not become emaciated and dirty, it would have very surprising; and scarcely less so, had disease, when it came, failed to produce unusually rapid and extreme effects.

May I also be permitted to say, in order to guard against a misconception which has already arisen in some quarters, that we have argued and can only argue on the basis of the evidence brought into court? No account has been taken of a later version of the *post mortem* record, differing widely from the first, and containing statements which, in Professor Virchow's words, are "utterly irreconcilable" with the sworn depositions and evidence to which all the witnesses expressed in general terms their assent. The assent of these gentlemen to the later version must be, in the case of all but Dr. Wilkinson, a matter of recollection; and every one must know how easily the memory is deceived in trying to recall the details of a necropsy made six months before. Dr. Wilkinson, it appears, made notes at the time, which were the basis of this later report, and a copy of which was given long ago to the solicitors for the defence. They certainly never reached the witnesses called for the defence, and for the purposes of the trial were virtually non-existent. If the promised pamphlet appears, these notes should be published *verbatim*.

Few persons can regret more than I do the unfortunate conflict of opinion which has arisen. Had the witnesses for the prosecution given due weight to the evidence of disease, without attenuating the presumptive evidence of neglect and privation, I believe the same result as has actually come about might have been arrived at without opposition, and a serious scandal avoided. But, had their evidence been uncontroverted, a still more serious and irremediable scandal would have been the result, which was only averted by the prompt and combined action of those whose opinion must and ought to have the greatest weight both with our profession and with the public.

I am, etc.,

J. F. PAYNE.

London, November 26th, 1877.

## ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

### BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.

THE second ordinary meeting of the Session will be held at the Royal Hotel, College Green, Bristol, on Wednesday evening, December 12th, at half-past Seven o'clock: H. MARSHALL, M.D., President.

EDMUND C. BOARD, *Honorary Secretary*.

7, Caledonian Place, Clifton, November 21st, 1877.

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

THE next meeting will be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Thursday, December 13th, 1877, at 4 P.M.; Dr. C. W. PHILPOT in the Chair.

Dinner will be provided at 6 P.M. Charge, 6s., exclusive of wine. The following communications are promised.

1. Dr. Goodhart: Some Cases of Enlargement or Inflammation of the Mediastinal Glands.

2. Mr. Howard Marsh: A Paper.

3. Dr. Duncan will show Sections of Diphtheritic Tonsils.

4. Dr. Lanchester: Some Remarks on Calomel as a Medicine.

5. Dr. Philpot: On an Outbreak of Diarrhoea in Upper Norwood.

6. Mr. Richardson: On Croydon Hospital Cases.

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

Woodside, Anerley Road, S.E., November 27th, 1877.

### THAMES VALLEY BRANCH.

THE next meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on December 18th, at 5 o'clock.

Those members who may be willing to read papers are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary as soon as possible.

There will be a dinner at the above hotel at 7 o'clock. Charge, 7s. 6d., exclusive of wine.

F. P. ATKINSON, M.D., *Honorary Secretary*.

Kingston-on-Thames, November 1877.

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL.

AT a meeting of the Committee of Council, held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, London, on Wednesday, November 7th, 1877: Present, Mr. W. D. HUSBAND (Treasurer), in the Chair, Dr. Eason Wilkinson (President), Dr. Clifford Allbutt, Mr. Alfred Baker, Mr. J. Wright Baker, Dr. M. M. De Bartolomé, Mr. E. C. Board, Dr. Louis Borchardt, Mr. Callender, F.R.S., Dr. Alfred Carpenter, Dr. Chas. Chadwick, Dr. J. W. Eastwood, Dr. B. Foster, Mr. R. S. Fowler, Dr. E. L. Fox, Dr. W. C. Grigg, Dr. C. Holman, Mr. J. R. Humphreys, Mr. Arthur Jackson, Dr. D. J. Leech, Mr. Frederick E. Manby, Mr. Frederick Mason, Dr. Edwin Morris, Dr. Charles Parsons, Dr. Edward H. Sieveking, Dr. A. P. Stewart, Dr. W. F. Wade, and Dr. Edward Waters:

Read letter of apology for non-attendance from Mr. Elliston.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and found correct.

Resolved: That the candidates whose names appear on the circular convening the meeting, with the exception of one who was not proposed in accordance with the by-laws, be elected members of the Association.

Read invitation from Cork, of which the following is a copy.

"4, Camden Place, Cork, October 18th, 1877.

"Dear Sir,—While the members of the Association in the South of Ireland are much disappointed at the decision of the Committee of Council not to visit Cork in 1878, as anticipated, they desire, through me, to renew the invitation for 1879. This acquiescence in the desire of the Committee of Council has been intimated to me by the following gentlemen, who signed the previous invitation, and by those whose names are written in red (in italics) who were prevented from being present at the meeting, or have, since the issuing of the invitation, joined heartily in the movement.—I am, yours faithfully,

"H. MACNAUGHTON JONES,

"President South of Ireland Branch, Local General

"Secretary of Reception Committee.

"To W. D. Husband, F.R.C.S.,

"Treasurer British Medical Association, London.

"John Adderly, M.D.; Ringrose Atkins, M.D.; William Beamish, M.D.; Henry Corby, M.D.; W. J. Cummins, M.D.; James G. Curtis, F.R.C.S.I.; James A. Eames, M.D.; J. P. Golding, M.D.; J. R. Harvey, M.D.; Charles Harvey, M.D.; W. H. Holmes, M.D.; H. Macnaughton Jones, M.D.; D. C. O'Connor, M.B.; D. C. O'Connor, jun.; Stephen O'Sullivan, M.D.; William H. Sandham; T. C. Shinkwin, M.D.; William Tanner, M.D.; R. H. Townsend, jun., M.B.; E. R. Townsend, jun., M.D.; W. C. Townsend, M.D.; Surgeon-Major Orton; Surgeon-Major Collis; D. Hadden, M.D.; Bandon; D. D. Donovan; W. H. Holmes; J. D. Cronin, M.D.; Queenstown; *J. Donovan, M.D., Ballincullig; P. J. Cremen, M.D.; Aug. O'Connor, M.D.; T. Crowley, M.D.; Dep. Surgeon-General Crocker: W. Belcher, Bandon; P. Berry, M.D., Malrow; D. H. Scott, M.D., Queenstown; D. Cagney, Charleville; P. L. Walsh, M.D., Buttevant; J. O. Sisk, M.D., Fermoy; Oscar Woods, M.D., Killarney; J. McDonough, Killarney; L. T. Griffin, Killarney; George Hickson, Killarney; J. Hayes, M.D., Tralee; J. E. Currey, M.D., Lismore; R. O'Reilly, Lismore; J. Gelston, sen., M.D., Limerick; D. O'Flynn, M.D., Glanmire.*"

Resolved: That the cordial thanks of the Committee of Council be given to the members of the South of Ireland Branch and other members of the Association in the South of Ireland for the renewed invitation to hold the Annual Meeting in Cork in 1879, and this Committee will recommend its acceptance, and pledges itself to use every effort to obtain the assent of the Annual Meeting.

Regulations, submitted by the Subcommittee, for the Medal for Distinguished Merit, and for the conduct of the Annual Meeting, were considered. Some were adopted, and the consideration of others was postponed to a future meeting.

Resolved: That Addresses be given at the Annual Meeting to be held at Bath, in August 1878, in Medicine, Surgery, and Forensic Medicine.

Resolved: That Dr. Goodridge of Bath be requested to give the Address in Medicine.

Resolved: That Mr. C. G. Wheelhouse of Leeds be requested to give the Address in Surgery.

Resolved: That Professor Douglas MacLagan of Edinburgh be requested to give the Address in Forensic Medicine.

Resolved: That the gentlemen whose names are as follows be the Arrangement Committee for considering the arrangements for the meeting to be held in August 1878 at Bath, viz.: The President, the President-elect, the Treasurer, Mr. Alfred Baker, Dr. Chadwick, Dr. E. L.

Fox, Mr. R. S. Fowler, Dr. Goodridge, Mr. Bartrum, Mr. Mason, Dr. Sieveking, Mr. Skeate.

**Resolved:** That the medallists be invited to dine with the Committee of Council and their friends in January next, that the medals be presented to them on that occasion; and that Dr. Sieveking, Dr. Stewart, and Mr. Callender be a Subcommittee to make the necessary arrangements.

The minutes of the Scientific Grants Committee were read, and it was

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Scientific Grants Committee of this day's date be approved and the recommendations carried into effect, and that a special grant be made of £100 towards the expenses of an investigation into the Pathology and Treatment of Rabies and Hydrophobia.

#### SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH: ORDINARY MEETING.

A MEETING of this Branch was held in the Dowlais Iron Company's Library, Dowlais, on Thursday, November 8th; J. TALFOURD JONES, M.B., President, in the chair.

**New Members.**—D. A. Davies, M.B. (Swansea), J. Marshall, M.B. (Brecon Infirmary), and W. Morgan, Esq. (Clydach), were elected members of the Branch.

**Spring Meeting, 1878.**—It was resolved that this meeting be held at Carmarthen in April.

**Papers.**—The following were read.

1. On the Treatment of Carbonic Acid Poisoning by the Inhalation of Oxygen, by Dr. BAILLIE.

2. On Poor-law Maladministration, by Dr. SHEEN.

Mr. PEARSON CRESSWELL illustrated on a patient Sayre's Method of Treating Curvature of the Spine; and Mr. JABEZ THOMAS showed a Modification of the Apparatus.

Mr. TALFOURD JONES exhibited a specimen of Aneurism of the Aorta, which had been treated by large doses of Iodide of Potassium, with temporary relief.

**Medical Defence.**—The following resolution was carried *nem. con.*: "That a Medical Defence Committee representative of this Branch be formed."

The members, under Mr. Cresswell's guidance, afterwards paid a visit to the Bessemer Steel and Siemens Works, and were extremely pleased with what they saw there.

The Dinner took place at the Castle Hotel, Merthyr, at which about forty-five members and visitors were present.

On arrival at Dowlais in the morning, the members were most hospitably entertained at breakfast by Mr. and Mrs. Pearson Cresswell.

#### STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE fourth annual meeting of the above Branch was held on Thursday, October 25th, 1877, at the Railway Hotel, Stoke-upon-Trent. Present: Dr. MILLINGTON, President, and twenty-seven members.

The PRESIDENT introduced his successor, Dr. J. T. ARLIDGE of Newcastle, who then took the chair.

**Vote of Thanks.**—Dr. TOTTERICK proposed: "That the best thanks of this meeting be given to the retiring President for his services during the past year." This was seconded by Mr. GARNER, and carried unanimously. Dr. MILLINGTON acknowledged the compliment.

**New Member.**—Dr. John Day of Walsall, a member of the Association, was elected a member of the Branch.

**President's Address.**—The PRESIDENT delivered an address upon the Pathology of Chorea.

Mr. SPANTON proposed that a cordial vote of thanks be given to Dr. Arlidge for the excellent, valuable, and instructive thesis which he had just read. Dr. J. H. TYLCOTE seconded, and Dr. MILLINGTON, Dr. TOTTERICK, and Mr. VINCENT JACKSON supported the motion; and it was carried with applause.

**Report of Council.**—Mr. VINCENT JACKSON read the annual report, as follows.

"Our Council has much pleasure in reporting in favourable terms of the Staffordshire Branch. The Branch now concludes the third year of its existence, and already it has achieved not only a permanent, but a by no means unenviable position amongst the twenty-eight Branches of the British Medical Association. It numbers one hundred and six members, sixteen being additional since the last report. Six members have left the Society; four on account of removal, and two have died, viz., Dr. Steel and Mr. B. Tomkinson.

"Three ordinary meetings have been held during the past year; the attendance of members at each has been more than an average one, and the interest all have evinced not only in the numerical prosperity of our Branch, but also as regards the scientific value of the communications and exhibits read and presented has been encouraging and hopeful. Your Council trust that it will never be forgotten that the British Medical Association is the largest medical society probably in the world, and, as such, it is of necessity a great power in the land; and, as its Branches strengthen and multiply, so the more quickly will the Association assume such proportions that its movements will be the movements of the profession, its voice the voice of the profession, and its utterances, ceasing to be supplicating, will be commanding.

"The thanks of your Council are given to the following gentlemen for their contributions to the work of the Society during the past session: Dr. J. H. Tylcote, Mr. C. Orton, Mr. Garner, Mr. Alcock, Mr. J. Hartill, Mr. W. H. Folker, Mr. Spanton, Mr. Frost, Dr. Millington, Mr. E. F. Weston, Mr. Vincent Jackson.

"Your Council would direct the attention of the meeting to Rule 5, which declares 'That the annual meeting of the Branch shall be held in October, at such place as may be determined upon at the previous annual meeting. The annual meeting not to be held in the same town two years consecutively.' Hitherto, as is well-known, the towns selected have been Stoke, Stafford, and Wolverhampton; but with the laudable desire of rendering the Branch more known and popular, it has occurred to your Council whether it would not be expedient that the annual gathering should be held occasionally in some of the other towns of Staffordshire, to wit, Lichfield, Burton, etc. Your Council bring this matter before you only as a suggestion, and to ventilate what appears to them to be a course of action likely to be followed with a benefit. If the proposal should be considered desirable or useful, your Council pledge themselves to give to any recommendation of this meeting the utmost practical effect possible."

The adoption of the report was moved by Dr. MILLINGTON, seconded by Mr. E. F. WESTON, and carried.

**Financial Statement.**—Mr. FOLKER was especially requested to examine and audit the accounts of the Society, and to report upon its financial condition at the next ordinary meeting.

**Next Annual Meeting.**—Mr. KELTY proposed that the next annual meeting be held at Stafford. This was seconded by Mr. ORTON, and agreed to.

**Election of Officers for 1877-78.**—The following were elected. **President-elect:** E. F. Weston, Esq. **Vice-Presidents:** W. Millington, M.D.; H. Day, M.D. **Honorary Secretaries:** Vincent Jackson, Esq.; Ralph Goodall, Esq. **Treasurer:** E. F. Weston, Esq. **Council:** F. Boldero, Esq. (Penkridge); C. H. Crawford, M.D. (Stafford); E. Fernie, M.D. (Stone); W. H. Folker, Esq. (Hanley); John H. Freer, Esq. (Rugeley); P. M. Kelty, Esq. (Walsall); H. M. Morgan, Esq. (Lichfield); C. Orton, Esq. (Newcastle-under-Lyme); J. J. Ritchie, Esq. (Leek); J. V. Totterick, M.D. (Wolverhampton); J. H. Tylcote, M.D. (Sandon); J. K. Wynne, Esq. (Eccleshall). **Representatives in the Council of the Association:** J. T. Arlidge, M.D. (Newcastle); H. Day, M.D. (Stafford); W. H. Folker, Esq. (Hanley); D. H. Monckton, M.D. (Rugeley); W. D. Spanton, Esq. (Hanley); J. Y. Totterick, M.D. (Wolverhampton).

**Votes of Thanks** were passed to the Treasurer and Honorary Secretaries.

**Dinner.**—The members and their friends dined together at the close of the meeting.

#### SOUTHERN BRANCH: SOUTH-EAST HANTS DISTRICT.

The last ordinary meeting of the present session was held at the George Hotel, Portsmouth, on October 31st, 1877. About twenty members were present, and the President (Dr. CASE of Fareham) occupied the Chair.

The PRESIDENT offered a few remarks upon gratuitous medical assistance and public charities.

**Papers, etc.**—1. Mr. H. B. NORMAN read some notes on Fracture of the Femur.

2. Dr. MANLEY reported a case of Fracture of the Skull. A discussion followed, upon the indications for performing the operation of trephining.

3. Dr. WARD COUSINS exhibited a large Cystic Tumour of the Mamma recently removed from a patient at the Royal Portsmouth Hospital.

**Dinner.**—In the evening, the members dined together at the hotel, under the presidency of Dr. Case.

## BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH : ORDINARY MEETING.

THE second ordinary meeting of the session 1877-78 was held in the Queen's College, Birmingham, on November 8th: present, SAMPSON GAMGEE, F.R.S.Ed., President, in the Chair, and forty-three members.

*New Members.*—Mr. A. B. Simpson, of Birmingham, and Mr. T. G. Vawdrey, of Handsworth, were elected members of the Branch.

*Provident Dispensaries.*—Dr. MONCKTON (Rugeley) read a paper on Provident Dispensaries, in which he advocated their establishment, gave an account of the working of the Rugeley District Hospital and Provident Dispensary, and brought forward a scale of subscriptions for benefiting members.—An animated discussion followed, in which the President, Mr. H. L. Browne, Mr. Watkin Williams, Dr. Underhill, Mr. W. C. Garman, Mr. Yates, Mr. Manley, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Ker, Dr. Johnston, and Mr. Oakes, shared.

## PUBLIC HEALTH AND POOR-LAW MEDICAL SERVICES.

**VACCINATION.**—Mr. A. S. May of Forest Hill District, Lewisham Union, has received from the Local Government Board £15 2s. for successful vaccination in his district: this being the second grant that he has received.—A grant of £97 6s. has also been awarded for the same reason to Mr. R. S. Smallman, M.B., Wigan; and one of £81 3s. to Mr. Linton, Medical Officer of the Chester-le-Street Union.

### POOR-LAW MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

PITTS, T. S., L.R.C.P.Ed., appointed Union Medical Officer for the Thorne District of the Thorne Union, *vice* George Gooddy, M.R.C.S.Eng., resigned.  
RUSSELL, Arthur J. F., L.K.Q.C.P., appointed Medical Officer to the Workhouse and District of the Union of Worktop, also Public Vaccinator.

### PUBLIC HEALTH MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

RUSSELL, Arthur J. F., L.K.Q.C.P., appointed Medical Officer of Health for Worktop.

## OBITUARY.

### ALEXANDER KNOX, M.D.

DR. KNOX died last week at his residence, Beechcroft, Strandtown, Belfast, aged 75. Born in 1802, he engaged in private practice in Ballycastle for several years, arriving in Belfast in 1845. In 1851, he was appointed a Poor-law Medical Inspector, his connection with the Poor-law Board lasting for twenty years, when he retired on superannuation. He was a gentleman of kindly disposition, and proved himself a most efficient officer in the various duties required by the office he held. His contributions to literature included, among others, *On Cholera*, *Irish Watering-places*, etc.

### ROBERT KERSHAW, M.R.C.S.

IN the sudden and unexpected death of Mr. Kershaw, late Secretary to the London Hospital Medical College, that Institution has sustained a great loss. Mr. Kershaw was born at Heywood, in Lancashire, where his family have long been well known. He was educated at Middleton, and afterwards at the Liverpool Collegiate School. In early life, it had been his desire to enter the medical profession, but circumstances prevented his doing so, and for some years he was engaged in his father's business, where he was principally concerned in financial matters. As Captain of the Fourth Royal Lancashire Militia, he was known as one of the best rifle shots in the district, and throughout his life he remained a keen sportsman. At length enabled to follow his early desires, he entered as a student at the London Hospital, and after passing through the curriculum, he qualified at the College of Surgeons in 1873, and was appointed House Surgeon and subsequently Medical Clinical Assistant. Mr. Kershaw then became assistant to Dr. Sutton in the pathological department, where he worked with great success at pathological histology, and assisted in the preparation of many of the sections of the spinal cord exhibited by Sir William Gull and Dr. Sutton in illustration of the subject of

arterio-capillary fibrosis. In this department, he has left behind him a permanent memorial of his industry and powers of organisation in a valuable and systematically arranged catalogue of the histological specimens. When the College Board was formed two years ago in connection with the London Hospital, Mr. Kershaw was appointed secretary, and devoted his whole time and energies to this work till the day on which he was seized with the fatal symptoms. His work here was characterised by zeal, courtesy, correctness, and discrimination of character. To his powers of organisation must be largely attributed the recent improvement and growth of the School, as indicated by the total entry of sixty new students at the commencement of the present session. His loss is deeply felt by the staff and managing bodies of both Hospital and College. On two or three occasions, symptoms of an intestinal affection had caused some alarm, but the onset of the fatal symptoms was sudden, and preceded his death by only two days; the immediate cause of death was intestinal obstruction.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

**APOTHECARIES' HALL.**—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, November 22nd, 1877.

Bigger, Samuel Ferguson, 2, Albert Street, N.W.  
Crick, Samuel Arthur, Casby, near Leicester  
Evans, Charles Walter, Arlington Road, N.W.  
Rugg, James Foster, Middle Street, Brighton

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

Atkinson, John Mitford, London Hospital  
Evans, James William, University College  
Fox, Joseph Tregelles, London Hospital

### MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—

**ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL**, Cambridge—House-Surgeon. Salary, £65 per annum, with board and residence. Applications to be made on or before the 17th instant.

**ALNWICK UNION**—Medical Officer for the Embleton District.

**BAKEWELL UNION**—Medical Officer for the Matlock District.

**BRADFORD UNION**, Yorkshire—Medical Officer for the Horton West District.

**CHINA**—Medical Missionary for the Church of Scotland Mission. Salary, £350 per annum, and residence. Applications to the Rev. Dr. Cumming, Sandyford Church, Glasgow.

**INVERNESS DISTRICT ASYLUM**—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary to commence at £80 per annum, with bed, board, and washing. Applications to be made on or before the 12th instant.

**KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL**—Surgeon. Applications to be made on or before the 7th instant.

**KIDDERMINSTER INFIRMARY**—House-Surgeon.

**NORTH-EASTERN HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with rooms, attendance, coals, and gas. Applications to be made on or before the 4th instant.

**POOLE UNION**—Medical Officer for the Workhouse.

**PORTLAND TOWN FREE DISPENSARY**—Resident Surgeon and Dispenser. Salary, £100 per annum, apartments, fire, gas, and attendance.

**QUEEN'S HOSPITAL**, Birmingham—Resident Physician and Resident Surgeon.

Salary, £50 per annum, with board and residence. Applications to be made on or before the 1st instant.

**ST. GEORGE'S AND ST. JAMES'S DISPENSARY**—Physician. Applications to be made on or before the 6th instant.

**TAVISTOCK UNION**—Medical Officer for the Tavistock District and the Workhouse.

### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

RUSSELL, A. J. F., L.K.Q.C.P., appointed a Certifying Surgeon under the Factory Act.

### 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.*

#### BIRTH.

McANDREW.—On November 10th, at Limehouse, the wife of \*J. J. McAndrew, M.R.C.S.E., of a daughter.

#### DEATH.

MOORE.—On November 17th, at 3, Queen Street, Lancaster, Percy St. Aubyn Daniel, only son of \*J. Daniel Moore, M.D., F.L.S., aged 7 years.

**BEQUEST.**—The University College Hospital has received a sum of £2000 under the will of the late Mr. George Moore, of Whitehall, Cumberland, and Bow Churchyard, London, to be applied in some way that may yield a permanent benefit to the institution.

## 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.—St. Peter's, 2 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.

## MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

**MONDAY.**—Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Dr. Woakes, "On the Connection between Stomachic and Labyrinthine Vertigo".

**TUESDAY.**—Pathological Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Mr. Butlin: Multiple Sarcoma in a Boy (living specimen). Dr. P. Irvine: Multiple Tumours of the Brain. Dr. Dickinson: Specimens of Chylous Urine. Dr. Ralfe: 1. Urine from a Case of Phosphatic Diabetes; 2. Gangrene of the Lung in a Case of Lead-poisoning. Dr. Wilks: Case of softening Syphiloma of the Liver. Mr. Wagstaffe: Dermoid Cysts growing along Line of Branchial Fissures. Dr. Dowse: Specimens from a Case of Paralysis Agitans. Dr. Goodhart: Symmetrical Sarcoma of Ossa Ilii, with Hyperostosis of Cranium. Dr. Goodhart: Cerebral Tumours in a Monkey. Dr. Morison: Case of Chyluria. Dr. Ord: Fat from Case of Chyluria. Dr. Garlick: Diaphragmatic Hernia.

**WEDNESDAY.**—Obstetrical Society of London, 8 P.M. Dr. Redwood, "On Secondary Puerperal Hæmorrhage"; Dr. John Bassett, "Cases of General Dropsy in the Fœtus"; Mr. Thompson, "On Complete Rupture of the Perinæum"; and other papers.—Royal Microscopical Society, 8 P.M.

**THURSDAY.**—Harveian Society of London, 8 P.M.: Ballot, 8.30 P.M.: First Harveian Lecture, Dr. Graily Hewitt, "On the Mechanical System of Uterine Pathology".

## 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*.

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**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.

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

## A RENEWED PLEA FOR BREVITY.

**WITH** the continued increase of the number of readers of the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL* (which has now a circulation of eight thousand copies weekly), the pressure on space by correspondents naturally grows apace, and we must once more remind our contributors of all classes of the necessity of cultivating brevity to the utmost degree. Of many communications of great interest which we publish from time to time, it is difficult to suppose that the same amount of information could not be conveyed in fewer words.

**MR. W. A. RAPER** (Great Waking) is requested to take notice that all communications respecting change of address should be addressed to the General Manager, and not to the Editor.

**MR. J. I. DOBELL'S** letter has been referred to the Hydrophobia Committee.

## TRAINING OF NURSES IN PARIS.

**OUR** Paris correspondent writes:—Your reply to S. C. anent sick nursing, and which appeared in the last issue of the *JOURNAL*, is quite in accordance with the remarks I made in my letter of June 16th, 1877, on the subject; but I have to recall to your mind that there is a training institution for nurses in Paris, as you will find by the letter referred to. Dr. Duchaussoy is director of the institution, and Dr. Duchesne sub-director, from whom information may be obtained. The address of the former gentleman is 8, Rue des Beaux-Arts, and that of the latter 85, Rue des Saints Pères, Paris.

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## AN APPEAL.

**SIR,**—Together with a few friends, I am desirous of soliciting the charitable benevolence of the profession on behalf of the family of a medical man who, through illness and misfortune, are at present in the most abject poverty and distress. I feel certain that our appeal will not be in vain, and shall be glad to receive contributions and acknowledge the same, with your permission, in this paper.—I am, sir, yours faithfully,  
JOHN JAS. EBERLE, Principal of the Medical College,  
Easingwold, near York, Nov. 27th, 1877. Easingwold, Yorkshire.

## HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE THROAT, GOLDEN SQUARE.

**SIR,**—In your editorial remarks last Saturday, you appear to endorse a letter from Mr. Evans, thus giving it an importance to which it would not be otherwise entitled. This induces me to say that it contains a number of misstatements, and so perverts my words that I beg you (and every reader interested in the matter) to turn again to my letter in the *JOURNAL* of the 10th instant. You will then see that I did not object to any inquiry, so that I could not object to the "lay element" of the committee. I did not object to any individual, lay or professional. I stated facts, and asked your judgment upon them. I declared my own clinic open to every possible investigation. I professed myself alone responsible for that; and, as a physician to the charity, my duties and responsibilities alike begin and end with the care of my own patients. I certainly do think that "laymen" alone are not the best judges of purely professional work, and I do not think medical men can form an opinion of my clinic without seeing it. I said and repeat, that "any attempt to implicate the entire medical staff in a private dispute is unwarrantable"; and I believe that "sentiment" will find "an echo in the profession". I did not presume to write "on behalf of the staff". On the contrary, I distinctly stated that I had not been able to discuss the matter with my other colleagues. If my statement appeared "discourteous", it can only be because it is impossible to describe some actions in a way which is "agreeable" to those who commit them. Possibly, the circulation of a report reflecting on the staff, without first allowing the members to see it, is such an act. I cannot admit that it was the duty of any one other than the committee of inquiry to communicate with the staff.

The other matters mentioned by your correspondent do not particularly concern me, nor do I know whether his statements about them are more accurate than those I have corrected, nor where he obtained his information as to the acts of the staff, and as to their satisfaction "with the position they have taken up". As to the resolution on which you comment, it expresses the opinion of the staff respecting certain operations which were made the basis of the only grave medical charges against the superintendent. Surely the members of the staff ought to be competent to form an opinion as to whether these operations were properly performed.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,  
PROSSER JAMES,

3, Dean Street, Park Lane, November 27th, 1877.

**MR. PUGIN THORNTON'S** letter on the above subject should be addressed to the journal whose remarks he criticises.

## TURPENTINE, TEREBENE, AND "SANITAS".

**SIR,**—Kindly permit me to make a brief reply to Dr. Bond's letter of last week. The delusion under which Dr. Bond labours in regarding peroxide of hydrogen and ozone as "two hypothetical bodies", suffices, in my opinion, to explain his difficulty in understanding "the practical bearing of your statement", and at the same time invalidates his other expressed opinions.—Yours truly,  
Scientific Club, November 25th, 1877. CHAS. P. KINGZETT.

## THE MEDICAL INJUNCTION OF STIMULANTS.

**SIR,**—Dr. Dyce Duckworth's admirable paper, published in the *JOURNAL* for November 10th, will, I think, become the manifesto of the medical profession of England on the uses and abuses of alcohol in health and disease, when it is carefully read by the intelligent members of the profession, and adopted by them as the expression of their opinions upon the subject. The concentration of medical opinion upon the subject of alcohol was never more imperiously demanded than at the present moment, when an agitation is going on which is calculated to weaken the public mind in the effects of medical treatment, and the true value in certain cases of the use of stimulants in the management of disease. As far as I am concerned, I would not alter one word of Dr. Duckworth's paper. It is argumentative, exhaustive, and eloquent. It says the best and truest thing in the best and most expressive language. It is just the style of truth which confounds the total abstainer and leaves him without a shadow of defence, except that the language is "bombastic". It is, in fact, too conclusively true to meet with an echo in the pre-conceived mind of a teetotaler-at-any-price. It is just and comprehensive, liberal and learned, and holds up the balance with no feeble or wavering hand between all parties.

I think we ought to have a manifesto, to place in the hands of the Committee on Drunkenness, and to circulate among our patients and friends. If the feeling of the profession be favourable to such a proceeding, I will thankfully be one to receive the names of the profession as approving the document in question.—Your obedient servant,  
C. R. BREE, M.D., Senior Physician to the Essex and Colchester, November 20th, 1877. Colchester Hospital.

## DRESSING OF BURNS.

**SIR,**—In answer to Mr. Oglesby, allow me to state that for many years I have used ordinary white paint for the treatment of burns and scalds, and never knew an instance of failure. The pain ceases in a couple of minutes. The paint, repeated if necessary, forms a new skin; there is no discharge, and no further application necessary. I have never, during many years' experience, known a case of lead-poisoning from its use. Even in cases where death ensues from extensive and deep burns, it saves suffering, but then requires repeated application. A wide-necked bottle full of paint should be kept in every house, ready for immediate application. Where large nævi have been destroyed by the actual cautery, its application has saved all after-suffering. During twenty years' attendance as surgeon to the Ashton Barrack Hospital, and during ten years' attendance as surgeon to the Ashton Infirmary, I always adopted this method. In psoriasis and eczema, in the early stages, it is very valuable.—Yours, etc.,  
ALFRED ASPLAND,

Consulting-Surgeon to the Ashton-under-Lyne Infirmary.

Dukinfield, Cheshire, November 28th, 1877.