SELECTIONS FROM JOURNALS.

THERAPEUTICS.

COLD BATHS IN CEREBRAL RHEUMATISM.—At a meeting of the Société Médicale des Hôpitaux in Paris on June 22nd, M. Valleix reported a case of cerebral rheumatism cured by the cold bath. Tentensity of the symptoms, the elevation of the temperature (106 5 Fahr.), amply justified the use of this method, of which the efficacy was demonstrated by the rapid amendment of the patient. M. Valleix, however, is of opinion that this mode of treatment, which may be termed of a revolutionary character, should be reserved for very serious cases only, as, for instance, those in which the temperature exceeds 106.5 deg. Fahr.

ALBUMINURIA DURING PREGNANCY: CURE BY JABORANDI.—M. Langlet of Reims, in the Union Médicale et Scientifique du Nord-Est. No. 6, reports the case of a woman in the third month of pregnancy who for six weeks had suffered from cedema of the legs, great oppression, cephalalgia, vomitings, etc. The urine was very scanty and loaded with albumen, and was uninfluenced by the usual diuretics. From the first day after the administration of jaborandi, there were salivation, very little perspiration, but, as a counterbalance, an increase in the quantity of urine voided, which continued for some subsequent days. The patient took jaborandi for sixteen days, and during that time the cedema was reabsorbed, the albumen decreased, the general symptoms improved, and there was eventually a favourable delivery, with a healthy child.

Exophthalmic Goître cured by Galvanisation of the Sym-PATHETIC IN THE NECK.—The New York Medical Record quotes an important case from the Giornale Veneto di Scienze Mediche. The patient was a girl nineteen years of age; her brother suffered from progressive muscular atrophy, his sister from frequent attacks of hemicrania, and she herself had been subject throughout youth to repeated diarrhoea accompanied by colicky pains, which occurred without trace-able cause, and proved rebellious to all treatment. Two years ago, the eyes became more prominent, and palpitation of the heart appeared. Shortly afterwards, a tumefaction of the neck was noticed, accompanied by emaciation, prostration, frequent flushing of the countenance, diarrhoea, and change of character, which became irritable and capricious. The digestive functions became languid. Dr. Ancona proposed galvanisation of the first cervical ganglion of the sympathetic. The poles were applied to each side of the neck behind the angle of the jaw, pressing back the sterno-mastoid muscles. He employed at first ten elements of Stöhrer's apparatus. Each application lasted from three to five minutes. After a few days, the circuit was frequently interrupted. The physiological effects observed were, dilatation of the pupils at each closing of the circuit, more marked on the side corresponding to the negative pole; slight contractions of the sterno-mastoid muscles; sometimes an increased flow of saliva, and a coppery taste in the mouth; occasionally some vertigo. In the course of five months, one hundred sittings were had. The treatment was well borne, and during the whole time she only suffered from one severe attack of hemicrania and two very light ones. With the treatment by electricity was associated the internal administration of arsenic. From the very beginning of the treatment, a notable amelioration was observed, which proved continuous, so that at the end of five months the patient had increased in weight about thirty pounds. The face and the mucous membranes gradually returned to their normal colour. The eyeballs regained their position and their mobility; the thyroid body became greatly diminished in size; the pulsation of the arteries ceased to be visible; the cardiac impulse became regular; the pulse beat forty times a minute; menstruation became regular; and with the digestive functions the strength returned.

MEDICINE.

Typhoid Fever complicated with Meningitis.—Dr. Cadet de Gassicourt recently communicated to the Société Clinique the following case. The patient, a boy aged 5, was brought to the Hôpital Sainte-Eugénie, his parents saying he had been ill a week, and had been unconscious five days. The child was pale, prostrate, nearly immovable in the dorsal decubitus; the eyes half closed; the nostrils slightly encrusted; the tongue red, clammy; the lips dry; the abdomen tender, with slight tympanites, painful to pressure over the right iliac fossa, without appreciable gurgling; no lenticular spots. The spleen could neither be felt nor measured, percussion proving every-

where an equal dulness. He had involuntary soft motions. There was slight contraction of the muscles of the neck; slight paralysis of the right eyelid. The pupils were much dilated, but equal. There was marked paresis of the right arm. Cutaneous sensation was slightly obtuse. The child cried constantly, as if in pain. The temperature was 103 deg.; respirations 36; pulse regular, 124. The next day, the little patient died. At the necropsy, the following lesions were discovered. There was subarachnoid effusion, with abundant red punctation of the left occipital, right parietal, and anterior and inferior parts of the two frontal lobes. There was meningitis, with a rather abundant exudation at the level of the two first anterior frontal convolutions. The meninges at these spots were thickened and contained a little pus. Beneath, the white cortical matter was softened superficially; the grey matter was congested. There was no effusion into the lateral ventricles; no tubercles. In the intestine were found the changes characteristic of typhoid fever in the second week; the agminated follicles were swollen; Peyer's patches were inflamed puffed, and one of them showed commencing ulceration. The mesenteric glands were very large and of the colour of wine-dregs. The spleen was small and hard, measuring 4 by 2¾ inches. The lungs were congested in the lower part. In the right superior lobe at the back, and nearly at the apex, there was extensive sclerosis with old pneumonia surrounding a small crude tubercle. —France Médicale.

THORACENTESIS IN THE CASE OF PLEURISY WITH CARDIAC CLOT.—M. Vergely lays down the following rules to aid in the diagnosis of pleurisy and pneumonia. In pleurisy, if the fluid be thin and serous, there is true ægophony; if the effusion be of a greater density, or purulent, there is a peculiar bronchophony. Bronchophony in purulent pleurisy is more metallic and of a higher tone than in pneumonia; and this sign is sufficient, when other signs, as the thoracic vibrations, are not easily made out, to permit one in doubtful cases to give the preference to pleurisy. As to thoracentesis, it is contraindicated when there are signs of cardiac clot. These signs are, ædema successively invading the face, neck, and chest; smallness of the pulse; and increasing dyspnœa. This ædema is caused by the superdistension of the superior vena cava.—Gazette Médicale de Paris.

REPORTS AND ANALYSES

AND

DESCRIPTIONS OF NEW INVENTIONS

IN MEDICINE, SURGERY, DIETETICS, AND THE ALLIED SCIENCES.

A NEW NURSING-BOTTLE.

MESSRS. VILLIERS, LUCHTI, & Co., of 59, Frith Street, Soho, W., London, have forwarded us a sample of M. Monchovault's self-acting feeding-bottle. This very useful and ingenious contrivance presents the following advantages.

1. The bottle (of white glass) is graduated so that the quantity of

food swallowed is at once known.

2. The stopper has an aperture which lets the air into the bottle as the milk is withdrawn, and which prevents the milk from escaping in case the bottle should be accidentally inverted. A pin is attached to each instrument for cleaning its aperture.

3. The exhaust-tube contains a valve, and the mouth-piece or nipple is so perforated that the whole constitutes a sucking-pump which admits of the child getting his food without exertion, as very slight pressure

on the nipple piece causes the fluid to flow.

This apparatus may therefore be recommended to the attention of the profession as a very excellent feeding-bottle, of great value in artificially nursing.

NEW MEDICINAL PREPARATIONS.

MESSRS. C. J. HEWLETT & SON, manufacturing chemists, have forwarded us a "liquor santal flavi cum buchu et cubebâ", which is readily miscible with water, and which, when administered in cases of gonor-thea and gleet, proves to contain all the medicinal virtues rightly attributed to these drugs.

They have also forwarded us a solutio opii purificata, which is guaranteed perfectly free from resinous matter and other impurities. This solution, in certain suitable cases, appears to be a very valuable addition to the list of preparations of opium, as it does not parch the mouth or induce the unpleasant cerebral excitement frequently observed in the administration of ordinary preparations of this drug. It is of the same strength as the tincture of opium of the *British Pharmacopaia*.

far they occurred in other diseases attended with an elevation of temperature. He thought that Dr. Coats's observations on the condition of the salivary glands and kidneys were of great value.

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Dr. JOHN HARLEY said that, in experiments with aconite, he had found it possible to produce all the symptoms of hydrophobia.

Mr. JOHN WOOD asked if Dr. Coats had examined the scar in hydrophobia. Perhaps the examination of this might throw light on

the period of incubation.

The PRESIDENT called attention to the tetanus of new-born children as likely to throw light on the matter. This disease was formerly very prevalent in the Lying-in Hospital in Dublin, but had been almost banished by ventilation of the wards. He had been struck with the tendency to overlook the results of clinical observation, and to regard the microscope as affording the clue to the pathology of disease. He would by no means undervalue morbid anatomy or microscopic research; but the results obtained by these were not more certain than those of clinical observation. To look at the process of disease only when it was completed, and not when it was in progress, was a mistake. He did not find that the study of pathological anatomy had done much to put a stop to the wild theorising of which our predecessors of a hundred years ago were accused; but the theories were now wrapped in more scientific language. There seemed to be a risk of losing sight of our position, as curers of disease, in investigating disease when it was beyond our power.

Dr. COATS, in reply, said that only a portion of the paper (from want of time) had been read, and this had caused some misunderstanding of his meaning. He had not regarded the lesions as the disease, but only as the evidence of irritation—of the action of some poison. And, as the irritation differed, so he recognised a difference in the two diseases, though they were to a certain extent analogous. He considered tetanus and hydrophobia to be due to totally different morbid poisons. He thought that the term "miliary abscess", as used by Benedikt, was not a happy one. An infiltration of nervous tissue with leucocytes did not constitute an abscess. He had found leucocytes in the stomach in cases of hydrophobia; but they were also present in other stomachs which he had examined. He did not think that the alterations of the spinal cord in tetanus were sufficiently advanced to produce paralysis. With regard to the incubation of tetanus and hydrophobia, he was disposed to endeavour to gain instructions from tubercle. A cheesy tubercle might remain local for a long period until, under some unknown influence, general tuberculosis was developed from it. The same might be the case in hydrophobia; the disease being at first local, and then, after a time, becoming general. But both the tubercle and the hydrophobic poison might remain localised throughout life. He had examined the cicatrix in hydrophobia, and had found evidence of irritation of the neighbouring tissues, more than would be expected, after the wound had healed for some time. He had endeavoured to associate the pathological anatomy of the disease with its symptoms.

UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

NATURAL SCIENCE FELLOWS.—Two new Natural Science Fellows have been elected this term. One, Mr. A. M. Marshall, Senior in the Tripos of 1874, has been elected at his own College, St. John's. His able papers on Embryology have been an important addition to the researches which are making the British school again famous in this subject, and he is the first Doctor of Science in Comparative Anatomy in the University of London. Two of the newly elected Fellows of St. John's are taking to Medicine; viz., Dr. Marshall and Mr. Mc-Allister, the last Senior Wrangler. At Trinity, the open Fellowship has been adjudged for the first time to a non-member of the College, Mr. J. N. Langley, B. A., of St. John's, whose services as Demonstrator of Physiology to Dr. Foster are most highly appreciated.

The Anatomy and Physiology Buildings.—The new buildings

THE ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY BUILDINGS.—The new buildings for anatomy and physiology are advancing to completion and are partially occupied, Mr. Balfour's two practical classes of Comparative Anatomy being accommodated in them. Dr. Foster will transfer much of his work here after Christmas. The new buildings will be almost too small as soon as completed; for Dr. Foster has fifty men and several ladies working in his elementary classes this term.

UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM.

REPRESENTATIVE IN THE MEDICAL COUNCIL.—At a convocation of the University of Durham on December 11th, Dr. Thomas T. Pyle was re-elected as the representative of the University in the General Medical Council for the ensuing five years.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A MUNIFICENT OFFER.

SIR,—Many years ago, when commencing the practice of my profession, I was so fortunate as to make the acquaintance, and secure the friendship, of the founder of this Association; and it is with pleasure that I remember how often, and sometimes at brief notice, I contributed to the pages of its earliest journal—the Midland Medical and Surgical Reporter. Among other subjects discussed with him, in the prospect of the predicted extension of the objects embraced by the Association, it was then thought desirable to preserve at fixed periods a record of the progress of the various material sections of medical and surgical science. I speak from memory; but such is my impression. If this be now the view of the Council, I shall have the pleasure of presenting the sum of five hundred pounds for the purpose of founding a triennial (?) prize for the best essay or analysis of the progress of ophthalmic medicine and surgery, subject to such regulations as may be A RETIRED SURGEON. suggested.—I am, sir, yours, etc.,

Birmingham, December 12th, 1877.

CONFLICT OF MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

SIR,—I shall feel much obliged by your allowing me to state that, in the case referred to as one of conflict of ophthalmic evidence in the JOURNAL of December 8th, I gave no opinion whatever on the condition of the plaintiff's eyes.

My evidence had merely reference to the general condition of his health. To this I had the less hesitation in speaking, as the patient had been under my observation, and had been treated by me in con-

junction with his medical attendants, since last May.

The surgeons who saw the patient on behalf of the railway company did not take the same view of the case that I had. Such differences of opinion appear to me to be unavoidable and perfectly legitimate in obscure and complicated cases, such as this undoubtedly is. Were they confined to cases that come into the courts of law, the spectacle would be a melancholy one. But he must have but a very slender experience of our profession who does not know that they are of daily occurrence in the wards of the hospital and in the sick-room of the private patient.

The fact is, that the same group of symptoms is often differently interpreted as to cause, nature, and probable duration by different observers; and the opinions formed on all these points will necessarily be as widely divergent as are the various interpretations of the phenomena

on which they are founded.

The following is a case in point. Not long since, I met in consultation, but separately, two physicians of very great eminence on the case of a lady who had become paraplegic during pregnancy. One pronunced the paralysis to be due to softening of the cord, and consequently to be incurable and permanent. The other considered it to be simply hysterical and quite curable. Had this been a "compensation case", a conflict of evidence must necessarily have arisen of an irreconcilable character; but it would have been as honest as I most truly believe the conflict of evidence to have been in the case to which you have referred.—I am, sir, very obediently yours,

London, December 8th, 1877.

John Eric Erichsen.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

THAMES VALLEY BRANCH.

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

The following communications are promised.

Dr. Hooper: Case of Intussusception treated by Foreign Injection.
 Mr. W. A. F. Bateman: On the Muco-Enteritis of Young Children.

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, December 12th, 1877.

MEDICAL NEWS.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.—M.D. Examination, 1877.
Archer, Herbert Ray, St. George's Hospital
Hetley, Henry, Guy's Hospital
Hoar, Charles Edward, King's College
Hunt, J. W., B.S. (Gold Medal), University College
Jameson, Leander Starr, B.S., University College
Kidd, Walter Aubrey, B.S., Guy's Hospital
*Ord, William Miller, St. Thomas's Hospital
Rigby, James Arthur, Guy's Hospital

Logic and Moral Philosophy only.

Ashby, Henry, Guy's Hospital Ashby, Henry, Guy's Hospital Bogs, Thomas Wemyss, University College and Manchester Royal Infirmary Burton, Samuel Herbert, B.S., University College Firth, Charles, St. Bartholomew's Hospital Morley, Thomas Simmons, Guy's Hospital

M.S. Examination.

Pepper, Augustus Joseph, University College

B.S. Examination. Pass List.

First Division. Symonds, Charters James, Guy's Hospital Verco, Joseph Cooke, M.D., St. Bartholomew's Hospital Second Division.

Bury, Judson Sykes, University College

Examination for Honours.

First Class. Verco, Joseph Cooke, M.D. (Scholarship and Gold Medal), St. Bartholomew's Hospital

Symonds, Charters James (Gold Medal), Guy's Hospital

* Obtained the number of marks qualifying for the Medal.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

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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.

BRADFORD UNION, Yorkshire—Medical Officer for the Horton West District. CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL—Medical Registrar and Surgical Registrar. Applications to be made on or before the 22nd instant.

DUNDALK UNION—Medical Officer for the Ravensdale Dispensary District. Salary, £120 per annum, and the usual sanitary and vaccination fees. Applications before the 23th instant.

GUEST HOSPITAL, Dudley—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum, with furnished apartments, board, coals, and gas. Applications to be made on or before January 1st.

INFIRMARY FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Margaret Street, W.—Physician in Ordinary. Applications to be made on or before the 13th instant.

KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL—Assistant House-Surgeon and Dispenser. Salary, £50 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to be made on or before the 28th instant.

KIDDERMINSTER INFIRMARY—House-Surgeon.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE INFIRMARY—Senior House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with board lodging, and washing. Applications to be made on or before February 4th, 1878.

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

URLINGFORD UNION—Medical Officer for the District. Salary, £120 per

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MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

*Helme, J. Milner, M.B., appointed House-Surgeon to the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, vice W. Roughton, M.R.C.S. Eng., resigned.

*Hughes, H. R. Greig, L.R.C.P.Ed., appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Carnarvonshire and Anglesey Infirmary, vice J. Richards, L.K.Q.C.P., appointed Physician; also appointed a Certifying Surgeon under the Factory Act.

*Snell, Simeon, M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Lecturer on Anatomy at the Sheffield School of Medicine, vice *W. Skinner, M.R.C.S. Eng., 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 announcement.

BIRTHS.

CLARKSON.—On December 7th, at Tockwith, near York, the wife of *F. R. Clarkson, M.R.C.S.E., of a daughter.
Gowers.—On December 10th, at 50, Queen Anne Street, the wife of *W. R. Gowers, M.D., of a daughter.

DEATHS.

GAINE.—On December 7th, at 8, Edgar Buildings, Bath, Adéle Brydges, the beloved wife of *Charles Gaine, M.R.C.S., aged 31.
WARD.—On December 11th, at West Brompton, Tilleard William, youngest surviving son of the late *Dr. Martindale Ward, of Chelsea, aged 24.

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 Orthopædic, 2 P.M.

TUESDAY Guy's, I. 30 P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, II A.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, I. 30 P.M.—West London, 3 P.M.—National Orthopædic, 2 P.M.

London, 3 P.M.—National Orthopædic, 2 P.M.

WEDNESDAY.. St. Bartholomew's, 1,30 P.M.—St. Mary's, 1,30 P.M.—Middlesex, P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—King's College, 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.—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.

Department), 4 P.M.

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. Andrew Clark, "On the Prognosis of certain forms of Heart-Disease".

TUESDAY.—Pathological Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Professor Lister, "On Lactic Fermentation and its bearings on Pathology". Mr. Lister's specimens will be ready for inspection at 8 P.M.

THURSDAY.—Harveian Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Dr. Graily Hewitt, "On the Mechanical System of Uterine Pathology".

FRIDAY.—Medical Microscopical Society, 8 P.M. Dr. Urban Pritchard, "The Cochlea of the Ornithorhynchus". Special Meeting to consider Mr. Golding-Pierre Pathology Bird's resolution.

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.

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.

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.

Perils of Practice.

We sometimes hear remarks from outsiders (as in the case of Dr. Vose of Liverpool) We sometimes hear remarks from outsiders (as in the case of Dr. Vose of Liverpool) about the fees of consultants for country journeys; but the appreciable risk of a railway accident, which may inflict incalculable injury, is seldom taken into account. Such a painful event as the death of Dr. Baly does not, indeed, often occur, but the risk cannot be ignored. We regret extremely to learn that Dr. C. D. F. Phillips of Grosvenor Square was injured in the accident which occurred at Nine Elms on Saturday evening last. He was returning from a professional visit in the Reading train when it collided with a "light engine". Fortunately, it was not at full speed, or the results would have been still more disastrous; but several carriages were driven off the rails, and several passengers were seriously hurt, and conveyed, we believe, to St. Thomas's Hospital. Dr. Phillips, we are sorry to say, sustained a fracture of one or two ribs, and suffered from severe nervous shock: but happily, according to the latest accounts from his medical friends, he is now making favourable progress.

SIR,—Are gaol-surgeons legally entitled to the usual fees for making post mortem examinations and giving evidence at coroners' inquests on the death of prisoners?

—I am. etc... INQUIRER. -I am, etc.,

JOSEPH CHRISTIE (Leipsic).—Professor Nussbaum's method of preliminary narcotisa-tion by the subcutaneous injection of morphia prior to the injection of chloroform for operations, especially about the nose and face, is well known in this country; but is not, we believe, much practised.

SECRETARIES LOCAL

OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

Aberdeenshire. ALEX. OGSTON, M.D.; JOHN URQUHART, M.D., Aberdeen. Argyleshire. JOSEPH COATS, M.D., Glasgow; JAMES G. LYON, M.D., Glasgow.

Ayrshire. Joseph Coats, M.D.; James G. Lyon, M.D., Glasgow.

Bedfordshire. G. KIRBY SMITH, Esq., Northampton.

Banff. ALEXANDER OGSTON, M.D., Aberdeen; JOHN URQUHART, M.D., Aberdeen; J. W. N. MACKAY, M.D., Elgin.

Berkshire. R. C. Shettle, M.D., Reading.

Buckinghamshire. G. KIRBY SMITH, Esq., Northampton.

Cambridgeshire. Bushell Anningson, M.D., Cambridge.

Carmarthen. A. DAVIES, M.D., Swansea; A. SHEEN, M.D., Cardiff.

Carnarvonshire. Thos. EYTON JONES, M.D., Wrexham.

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Clackmannanshire. Joseph Coats, M.D.; James G. Lyon, M.D., Glasgow. Cornwall. L. H. Tosswill, M.B., Exeter; W. Square, Esq., Plymouth. Cumberland. R. MACLAREN, M.D., Carlisle; J. SMITH, M.D., Dumfries.

Denbighshire. Thos. Eyron Jones, M.D., Wrexham.

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Glamorgan. A. DAVIES, M.D., Swansea; A. SHEEN, M.D., Cardiff.

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Leicestershire. W. E. Buck, M.D., Leicester.

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