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IRELAND.

A RUMOUR having been extensively circulated that small-pox was extremely prevalent in a place called Buttermilk Lane, in the town of Galway, an investigation was recently undertaken by order of the Local Government Board; but we are glad to state that the report was unfounded, and that there is only one case of small-pox in the neighbourhood—that of a child nine months old, now convalescent—and that every sanitary precaution is being taken to prevent the disease from spreading.

SUPERANNUATION OF MEDICAL OFFICERS.

Ar a meeting of the guardians of the South Dublin Union last week, a resolution was unanimously adopted to allow Dr. Henry Croly, late medical officer of the Rathfarnham Dispensary District, a superannuation allowance of £60 per annum. It was originally proposed that Dr. Croby should be allowed to retire on two-thirds of his late salary and emoluments—£120—but the matter having been investigated by the Dispensary Committee, the smaller amount was substituted. Dr. Croly has been twenty-seven years in the Poor-law medical service, and has always discharged the arduous duties of his office in a most Micient manner.

MEDICAL WITNESSES.

RECENTLY we gave an abstract of a circular lately issued by the Government to magistrates throughout Ireland, directing that medical witnesses should not be summoned to give evidence in cases of assault unless where life had been endangered. This absurd enactment has called forth great disapprobation; and Sir Francis Brady, County Court judge, at Dungannon, last week, spoke strongly against it, observing that the issue of such instructions by an official of the Government was an absolute frustration of justice. The matter was brought under the notice of Mr. Lowther last week, who would not promise that it should be withdrawn, and stated that it did not confine the medical evidence to cases where life had been actually endangered.

LUNATICS IN WORKHOUSES.

THE recent report of the Inspectors of Lunatic Asylums in Ireland, refers to the unsuitability of workhouses for the treatment of this class of disease. They remark that, from their want of proper organisation, attendants, and appliances of management, they are more calculated to fix than to alleviate mental disorders, no matter how intelligent the physicians attached to them, or however benevolently inclined the nonprofessional superintendents may be. There are one hundred and sixtythree workhouses in Ireland, and, being in many instances remote from asylums, they must be looked upon as useful from the subordinate, however indifferent, assistance they afford to lunatic requirements; that is to say, by constituting a certain refuge and a safeguard against personal danger, more especially to the idiotic, the epileptic, and utterly demented of the pauper community. Of the 3,372 lunatics in workhouses on the 1st of last January, 1,920, or about one-third, were of the idiotic class, and 210 epileptics, all so far hopeless cases. Of the remaining 1,210, the greater number, owing to age and infirmity, gave very slight hope of improvement, a considerable number being resident for upwards of twenty years. With respect to the insane in workhouses, it appears that they are not equally distributed, for in some they are from one hundred to double that number; in others, forty to sixty; and in many, they range only from four to ten; the average for each, if they were equally divided, would be twenty for each workhouse. The inspectors appear to consider that, by the erection of district auxiliary buildings, a desirable object would be attained. these buildings being for the accommodation of the lunatics at present in the various workhouses, and for the many chronic and incurable inmates now occupying a great deal of valuable room in several district asylums. By this arrangement, the district asylums could be more beneficially devoted to recent or acute cases of lunacy, and thus effi-

ciently serve as hospitals for the cure of insanity, instead of being mere receptacles for the safekeeping and maintenance of hopeless patients.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL: NOTICE OF MEETING.

A MEETING of the Committee of Council will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Wednesday, the 10th day of July next, at Two o'clock in the afternoon. FRANCIS FOWKE,

General Secretary.

36, Great Queen Street, London, W.C., June 12th, 1878.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Forty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held at Bath, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, August 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th, 1878.

President: M. A. EASON WILKINSON, M.D., F.R.C.P., Senior Physician to the Manchester Royal Infirmary.

President-Elect : R. W. FALCONER, M.D., F.R.C.P., D.C.L., Consulting Physician to the Royal United Hospital, Bath.

An Address in Medicine will be given by HENRY F. A. GOODRIDGE, M.D., F.R.C.P., Bath.

An Address in Surgery will be given by C. G. WHEELHOUSE, F.R.C.S., Leeds.

An Address in Forensic Medicine will be given by DOUGLAS MAC-LAGAN, M.D., F.R.C.P., Edinburgh.

The business of the Association will be transacted in Five Sections,

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Honorary Local Secretary: R. S. FOWLER, Esq., 6, Belmont, Bath.

Tuesday. August 6th.

- II A.M.—Service at the Abbey. Sermon by the Bishop of Bath and Wells.
- 2 P.M.—Meeting of Committee of Council.
 4 P.M.—Meeting of Council, 1877-78.
 8 P.M.—General Meeting.—President's Address.—Annual Report of Council, and other business.

Wednesday, August 7th.

- 9.30 A.M.—Meeting of Council, 1878-79.
- II A.M. Second General Meeting.
- 11.30 A.M.—Address in Medicine.
- 2 to 5 P.M.—Sectional Meetings.
- 9 P.M.—Soirée at the Assembly Rooms by the Mayor and citizens of

Thursday, August 8th.

9 A.M. - Meeting of Committee of Council.

10 A.M.—Third General Meeting.—Reports of Committees.

II A.M.—Address in Surgery. 2 to 5 P.M. - Sectional Meetings.

6.30 P.M.—Public Dinner at the Assembly Rooms.

Friday, August 9th.

10 A.M. - Address in Forensic Medicine.

II A.M.—Sectional Meetings

2 P.M.—Concluding General Meeting.

8.30 P.M.—Conversazione and Concert at the Colston Hall, Bristol, by invitation of the Bristol members of the Bath and Bristol Branch.

SPECIAL DISCUSSION.

It has been decided to hold a discussion in the Section of Medicine on the Differential Diagnosis and Treatment of the Modes of Intestinal Obstruction. Members are invited by the officers of the Section to contribute papers on this subject. To save time, it has been decided that, after the communications of the two gentlemen who will open the discussion, all other papers shall be read in abstract.

PAPERS.

The following papers have been promised.

ACKLAND, W. H., M.D. Puerperal Septicæmia.

ALTHAUS, J., M.D. On Lateral and Posterior Sclerosis of the Spinal Cord.

BARHAM, Charles, M.D. r. Peculiar Changes in Disease.—2. The Isles of Scilly

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Braidhoodd, P. M., M.D. Results of Revalcination during an Epidemic.

Brown, D. Dyce, M.D. On the Use of Gelseminum in Dysmenorthica.

Cole, Thomas, M.D. 1. A Case of Ulceration of Gall-bladder from Gall-Stone, with secondary Hepatic Disease.—2. Short Note on a Case of Typhoid Fever.

Davey, J. G., M.D. Suicide in its Social Relations.

Dowse, T. S., M.D. Syphilitic Epilepsy.

Drysdale, C. R., M.D. 1. Chronic Alcoholism—2. Infant Mortality.

Edis, Arthur W., M.D. On Chronic Cervico-Endemetritis as a frequently over-looked Cause of Sterility and Abortion.

Fothergill, J. Milner, M.D. Gout at the Heart.

Fex. Cornelius B., M.D. Remarks on a Disease known by the Names of "False Diphtheria", "Spreading Quinsy", and "Cynanche Pharyngea".

Griffith, G. de Gorrequer, L.R.C.P. On Peritoneal Adhesions of the Gravid Uterus as a Cause of Post Partum Hamorrhage.

Harley, George, M.D., F.R.S. Colouring Matter in Urinary Calculi.

Jones, H. Machanghron, M.D. 1. Results of Treatment of Spinal Curvature (in fifty Cases) by the Plaster Jacket and Suspension.—2. Remarks on Morbus Coxarias.

LAWRENCE, A. E. Aust, M.D. r. On some Thermometric Observations after Labour.—2. Short Notes on some Hospital Cases.

WANKIVELL, C. B., MID. Os the Santtary Edvantages of High-level Drainage of

Seaside Towns.

NORTH, S. W., M.R.C.S. Registration of Disease.

OWEN, Edmund, F.R.C.S. The Anatomy of Hip-joint Disease in Childhood: a De-

POWELL, R. Douglas; M.D. On the Elasticity of the Lungs and Chest walls, with Reference to the Signs of Clest-Disease, and especially of Pleurine Effusion. ROBERTS, D. Lloyd, M.D. The Differential Diagnosis of Abdominal and Pelvic

ROUTH, C. H. F., M.D. 1. On the Use of Intrauterine Pessaries, with Reference to Varieties now employed.—2. Further Remarks on the Treatment of Uterine

to Varieties now employed.—2. Further Remarks on the Treatment of Uterine and Manusaary Cancer.

Sergmant, Edward, L.R.C.P. On the Working of the Act for the Compulsory Registration of Infectious Diseases in Bolton.

Skernert, E. M., M.D. 1. A Case of Hemilanesthesia.—2. A Case of Complete Obstruction of Intestine by Croppous Inflammation.

SMITH, Heywood, M.D. The Treatment of the Pedicle in Ovariotomy.

SWAYNE, J. G., M.D. The Effects of Forceps Delivery upon the Infant.

VACHER, Francis, L.R.C.P.Ed. Notes on the late Epidemic of Small pox in Birkenhead.

WARDEN, Charles, M.D. The Mental Influence of the Mother on the Fœtus in

WEATHERLEY, Lionel A., M.D. Note on a Case of Concealed Internal Uterine Hæmorrhage.

Members desirous of reading papers, cases, or other communications, are requested to forward the titles to the General Secretary, or to one of the secretaries of the section in which the paper is to be read. All the papers should be forwarded to the secretaries of sections at as early a date as possible.

No paper must exceed twenty minutes in reading, and no subsequent speech must exceed ten minutes. All speeches at the general meeting must not exceed ten minutes each.

ANNUAL MUSEUM.

The Tenth Annual Museum of the British Medical Association will be held at the Assembly Rooms, Bath, and will be open daily from 10 A.M. till 6 P.M., on August 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, for the exhibition of the following objects:-

1. Latest Inventions in Medical and Surgical Instruments and appliances of all kinds.

2. New Chemicals and Apparatus; New Drugs, and their preparations; and New Articles of Diet for Invalids

3. Drawings, Diagrams, or Models illustrating the Ventilation of Hospitals and Private Dwellings.

4. General Pathological Specimens; with Photographic Medels, Drawings, etc., illustrating disease; and Microscopic Pathological

Specimens.

The following is a list of the Museum Committee, to any member of which communications, etc., may be addressed. Sections 1, 2, and 3: Dr. Spender, 17, Circus, Bath; F. K. Green, Esq., 3, Gay Street, Bath. Section 4: Dr. Cole, 17, Paragon, Bath; G. E. Lawrence, Esq., Claverton Street, Bath.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS.

Application to be made as soon as possible, at the same time giving a list of objects, and mentioning the space required. Each object to be accompanied by a printed or written description attached to the article exhibited.

All parcels to be delivered on or after July 27th, and not later than August 3rd, and to be removed within three days after August 12th. They must be addressed to Drs. Spender and Cole respectively, at the Assembly Rooms, Bath. All expenses of carriage and all risk to be borne by the Exhibitors. A card bearing the name and address of the exhibitor to be enclosed in each package, ready to be fixed on the outside.

N.B.—Specimens and Instruments which have been exhibited at former meetings cannot be received on this occasion.

All communications to be addressed to Drs. Spender and Coke, as

EXCURSIONS.

On Saturday there will be excursions to Longleat, Bowood, Wells and Cheddar, Malmesbury, Berkeley Castle, and (if a sufficient aumber of excursionists) to the Valley of the Wye.

The Honorary Secretary will endeavour to arrange for gentlemen well acquainted with the locality to accompany the parties on each

excursion.

Any information will be given by the Secretary to the Excursion Committee, 6, Belmont, Bath.

Members of the Association will receive cards for the above proceedings, evening meetings, etc., at the Assembly Rooms, Bath.

FRANCIS FOWKE, General Secretary.

36, Great Queen Street, London, W.C., July 4th, 1878.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held at Neath, on Thursday, July 11th: J. TALFOURD JONES, M.B., President; JOHN RUSSELL, Esq. (Neath), President-elect.

Any members desirous of reading papers, etc., are requested to communicate the titles to either of the Honorary Secretaries.

ANDREW DAVIES, M.D., ALPRED SHEEN, M.D., Honorary Secretaries.

June 12th, 1878.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.

THE twenty-sixth annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday, July 19th, at 4 P.M.: President— SEPTIMUS W. SIBLEY, Esq., F.R.C.S.; President-elect—ANDREW CLARK, M.D., F.R.C.P.

Dinner at 6 P. M. precisely. Tickets, 14s. each, exclusive of wine.

ALEXANDER HENRY, M.D.

W. CHAPMAN GRIGG, M.D.

Honorary Secretaries.

London, June 24th, 1878.

ABERDEEN, BANFF, AND KINCARDINE BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held on Saturday, the zoth instant, at No. 198, Union Street, Aberdeen, at 1.30 P.M.: Professor OGSTON, President, in the Chair.

The members will afterwards dine together in the Palace Hotel, Union Bridge, at 3 o'clock P.M.

Aberdeen, July 1st, 1878.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Royal Clarence Hotel, Bridgwater, on Thursday, July 25th, at 2 o'clock P.M.: F. J. C. PARSONS, Esq., Bridgwater, will take the Chair. Dinner at 5 P.M.

W. M. KELLY, M.D., Honorary Secretary. Taunton, July 2nd, 1878.

NORTH WALES BRANCH.

The twenty-ninth annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Llandudno, on Tuesday, July 9th, at 12.30 P.M.: President—R. ROBERTS, Esq.; President-elect—WM. JONES, Esq. The following cases are promised.

Epileptiform Convulsions, with partial Hemiplegia: Recovery. By

Dr. W. Williams, Liverpool.

Gangrene of Ascending Colon; Chronic Priapism. By Dr. Roberts, Chester.

Dinner will take place at 3 o'clock. Tickets, inclusive of wine, 10s. 6d. each,

T. EYTON JONES, M.D., Honorary Secretary. Wrexham, June 18th, 1878.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held at Hartlepool, on Thursday, July 25th, at 3 P.M.

G. H. PHILIPSON, M.D., Honorary Secretary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, June 8th, 1878.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries, on July 26th, 1878: President—Dr. LOCKIE; President-elect—Dr. GILCHRIST.

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

R. MACLAREN, M.D., Carlisle, Honorary Secretaries. JOHN SMITH, M.D., Dumfries,

MEDICO-PARLIAMENTARY.

HOUSE OF LORDS.—Thursday, June 27th.

Dental Practitioners' Bill .- The Marquis of LANSDOWNE: My lords, I beg to move the second reading of this Bill. Its object is to make an alteration in the law by which the public will have some security that for the future persons calling themselves dentists and practising as such are properly qualified. The way we propose to set to work is to establish a registration somewhat similar to that which exists under the Medical Act. The persons who will be entitled to have their names placed on the register will, in the first instance, be licentiates of the College of Surgeons in England, of the College of Surgeons in Edinburgh, and of the College of Surgeons in Ireland, and also the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, and, besides these, the licentiates of every University in the United Kingdom for the time being. In addition to that, we propose to protect the interests of existing practitioners, by enabling every one in bond fide practice at the time of the passing of the Act to have his name, on the proper declaration being made, put upon the register. This Bill is one which has been received with great favour by the profession. It has been, I believe, favourably received by the General Medical Council, under whose supervision these examinations are to take place; and I hope your lordships will give it a second reading. would have gladly given further explanations of the details of the Bill. but I am prevented by an affection of the throat which renders it difscult for me to speak. I did not put off the second reading for this reason: your lordships are aware that the Medical Act Amendment Bill deals to a certain extent with the subject of dentists, but perhaps not quite so fully as this Bill does. I am glad, however, to believe that the objects which the noble Duke (Richmond and Gordon) has in view are very much the same as ours; and I believe I am right in understanding from him that, if we accept certain amendments in the machinery under which the registration is to take place, and which will be the same as that he proposes to introduce in his Bill, he is prepared to view our measure favourably. I therefore propose that the Bill shall be sent to committee to-morrow, and that it shall be printed with the amendments of the noble Duke. When the Bill stands in its amended shape, your lordships will have an opportunity of forming an opinion on it as a whole. I will move that it be now read a second time.—The Duke of RICHMOND and GORDON: I think the proposal of the noble Marquis is the most convenient course he can adopt. I quite endorse what he has said as to the objects of the measure. It has objects in view that the clauses of the Medical Bill that I had the honour to introduce into your lordships' house also had. As the noble Marquis states, it goes rather further than the Medical Bill which has gone down to the other House of Parliament. Be that as it may, the objects are no doubt the same; and, as I understand the noble Marquis to be agreeable to put into the measure certain amendments—which, by the way, I am not sure he has seen—we shall be able to see how the Bill stands after it has been committed, and I have no doubt I shall be in a position to give the noble Marquis all the assistance which may be required.—The Bill was then read a second time.

Thursday, July 4th.

Dental Practitioners' Bill.—This Bill passed through Committee.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—Thursday, July 4th.

Medical Acts Amendment Bill .- Mr. Errington: I wish to ask the Vice-President of the Council whether he can inform the House what course he proposes to take with reference to the Medical Act Amendment Bill; whether, considering the great differences of opinion which exist on the question of medical reform, and the late period of the session at which we have now arrived—the various Medical Bills standing for second reading for Thursday, July 11th—he will consent to refer the whole question to a Select Committee, in accordance with the petitions of various medical bodies; and, if so, whether he will take an early opportunity of moving for the Committee, so that the inquiry may be actually started this session; and, having obtained the full attention of the medical profession during the autumn, may be resumed early next session under the most favourable circumstances -Lord George Hamilton: A number of interviews have taken place between the Lord President of the Council and myself, and the various corporations, and the questions of medical education and registration have been thoroughly discussed. Undoubtedly there are on certain minor points some discrepancies of opinion; but, on the main question there are no differences which, in our opinion, may not be satisfactorily discussed and settled. As regards the various other medical Bills, all the objects contained in them are covered by the Government Bill, with the single exception of the reconstruction of the Medical Council, with a view to the direct representation on it of the medical profession; and that question is not, in our opinion, ripe for legislation. We see no reason why its postponement to a subsequent session need impede the passing of the Government Bill this session, and cannot, therefore, assent to the suggestion of those gentlemen to refer these Bills to a Select Committee. I think if time will permit, and we have the assistance of the House in the matter, we shall succeed this year in passing a Bill, which is urgently called for.—Mr. MITCHELL HENRY: Will the noble lord be good enough to say when he will take the second reading of the Government Bill?—Lord GEORGE HAMILTON: I am afraid I am not in a position to state that.

The Medical Acts Amendment Bills.—The following are among the orders of the day for Thursday, July 11th. Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill (Lords), second reading; Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill, second reading; Medical Officers' Qualifications Bill, second reading; Medical Act (1858) Amendment (No. 2) Bill, adjourned debate on second reading (June 13th). With respect to the above, the following notices of motion have been given: Mr. Meldon, on second reading of Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill (Lords), to move, "That it be read a second time upon this day three months." A similar motion has been given by Mr. M'Laren. Mr. Henry, on second reading of Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill (Lords), to move, "That no measure of medical reform can be satisfactory which does not provide for the affiliation of all licensed practitioners to one or other of the existing medical corporations either in England, Ireland, or Scotland; and further, that provision should also be made for the direct representation of the profession on the Medical Council." Mr. Errington, after second reading of Medical Medical Act (1858) Amendment Bill (Lords), to move, "That it be referred to a select committee." Dr. Lush has also given notice of a similar motion.

PUBLIC HEALTH

AND

POOR-LAW MEDICAL SERVICES.

MID-WARWICKSHIRE SANITARY DISTRICT.—This district includes four urban and five rural districts, one being very small—viz., Lillington—which had a birth-rate of only 8.3 and a death-rate of 10.7 per 1,000. Dr. Wilson states that in Warwick Urban District the birth-rate was 33.0 and the death-rate 21.1 per 1,000, against only 17.2 in the rural district. In Milverton, the death-rate was 14.6; in Rugby Urban District, it was 17.8; in Rugby Rural, 18.3; in Solihull Rural, 16.0; in Meriden Rural, 16.8; and in Southam Rural, only 15.1 per 1,000. The zymotic death-rate varied between 0.4 and 2.1 per 1,000

in the different districts, and the percentage of deaths under one year to total births between 7.1 in Southam and 13.0 in Rugby Urban District. Dr. Wilson gives a detailed account of the work done in the year, and of his method of carrying out his duties, which is very satisfactory, and shows the necessity for special study and training in properly carrying out the duties of a medical officer officer of health. The want of house-accommodation in some parts of his district is so great, that Dr. Wilson says he could not require more than two hundred cubic feet of air as a minimum without rendering many persons homeless. The water-supply, closet-accommodation, drainage, sanitary condition of schools, and other matters, are also reported upon at some length.

MEDICAL NEWS.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, June 27th, 1878.

Curd, Charles, Combe Devon, Somerset
Hoskyns, Edward John Hadderton, Derby
Huntington, Homer Austin, Liverpool
Jones, Frederick Felix, Llanfyllin, Montgomery
Kensey-Morgan, Augustus, Greenfield, Newport, Monmouthshire
Warren, Edwin Charles, Malpas Road, New Cross

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:-

BALLYMONEY UNION—Medical Officer for Ballymoney Dispensary District.
Salary, £120 a year, exclusive of Vaccination and all other Fees. Applications to the 12th instant.

BALTINGLASS UNION—Medical Officer for Baltinglass Dispensary District.
Salary, £140 per annum, exclusive of Registration, Vaccination Fees, and
£15 yearly as Sanitary Officer. Applications to the 8th instant.

BRIGHTON HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN—House-Surgeon and Dispenser. Salary, £50 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing.

COUNTY AND COUNTY OF THE BOROUGH OF CARMARTHEN INFIRMARY—House-Surgeon. Salary, £125 per annum, with lodging.

ENNISTYMON UNION—Medical Officer for Roadford Dispensary District. Salary, £100 a year as Medical Officer, and £20 as Sanitary Officer, with Vaccination and Registration Fees. Applications to morning of 11th instant.

HULL GENERAL INFIRMARY—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications to be made on or before the 8th instant.

LONDON FEVER HOSPITAL—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £200 per annum, with residence, coals, gas, and attendance.

MALE LOCK HOSPITAL, Dean Street, Soho—House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications to be made on or before the

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM-Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications to be made on or before the 23rd instant.

OWENS COLLEGE, Manchester—Junior Demonstrator in Anatomy. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications to be made on or before the 15th instant.

SOUTH DEVON AND EAST CORNWALL HOSPITAL—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum, with board. Applications to be made on or before the 8th instant.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

MANVILLE, B. E., M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Surgeon-Dentist to the Metropolitan

*MARSH, W. J., M.R.C.S., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro, vice W. Harris, F.R.C.S., resigned.

POPE, Frederick A., M. B., appointed Surgeon to the Dublin Throat and Ear Hospital, vice Kendal Franks, M.D. (By an error, the name of Mr. James A. Pope was substituted for that of Mr. F. A. Pope in list of appointments in the JOURNAL

WHARTON, Henry T., M.A., M.R.C.S.E., appointed Honorary Medical Officer to the Kilburn, Maida Vale, and St. John's Wood General Dispensary, vice W. H. Platt, L.R.C.P., 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.

Cash—Gray.—On the 3rd instant, at Glasgow, *A. Midgley Cash, M.D., etc., of Torquay, to Ellen, second daughter of William Gray, Esq., of "Fir Bark", Glasgow.

BEQUESTS, ETC.—Mrs. Susan Woodroofe has left £50 to the Hospital for Incurables, Donnybrook, near Dublin. The Misses Brooke have given £25 (second donation) to the Building Fund of the Stewart Institution for Imbecile Children,

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, 1.30 P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthal-mic, 11 A.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—West 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, r
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 Northeru,
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,

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.—London, 2 P.M.—St. Thomas's (Ophthalmic Department), 4 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.—St. Thomas's (Ophthalmic Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 12 P.M.—Guy's, 1.30 P.M.—Royal South London Ophthalmic, 2 P.M.—Guy's, 1.30 P.M.—St. Thomas's, 1.30 P.M.—Koyal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—St. Thomas's, 1.30 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.—London, 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.

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

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.

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.

WE CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO RETURN MANUSCRIPTS NOT USED.

THE TELEPHONE.

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CORRESPONDENT forwards us the following, cut from the advertisement of a London graduate of medicine in a Californian paper.

"Dr. — wishes to inform his patients and the public that he may be summoned or consulted through the telephone either by night or day. The communication is made through the American Speaking Telephone Company, and is absolutely private and confidential. Speaking communications may also be held with Dr. — by day or night at any of the following stations: 222, — Street; 965, — Street; and 833, — Street. Office and residence, 37, — Street."

GYNECOLOGIST" will find a paper "On the Death of the Princess Charlotte of Wales", containing an obstetric commentary on her case, by Dr. W. S. Playfair, in the Medical Times and Gazette, December 1872.

THE POLYMICROSCOPE.

Sir,—I have just seen a notice in the British Medical Journal for June 15th, that "I, von Lenhossek has constructed an apparatus which permits no fewer than sixty microscopical preparations to be observed in immediate succession without the trouble of changing the slides and readjustment of the object-glass."

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I beg to state that ten years ago I had an instrument constructed which shewed forty microscopical preparations in succession; and, a short time afterwards, another, by which double that number (eighty) could be shown without changing slides or object-glass.—I remain, sir, your obedient servant,

June 1878.

T. DAVIDSON.

MEDICAL EXPERTS AS WITNESSES.

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SIR,—That portion of the article in to-day's JOURNAL upon Medical Experts as Witnesses in Courts of Justice which relates to fees is very interesting to members of the profession, but the writer gives no advice with regard to a frequent cause of dissatisfaction. It is seldom that a medical man is summoned purely as an expert, and he is then generally well able to take care of himself. More usually the medical witness has to testify to facts, but in the course of his examination is required to draw freely upon professional knowledge for explanations and opinions founded upon the facts spoken to by himself or by others. Supposing that after a whole day's attendance at court he is tendered three shillings as an ordinary witness, what redress has he? Can he, when in the witness box, decline to give opinions or explanations on the ground that he is only a common witness?—Yours faithfully; Edinburgh, June 22nd, 1878.

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*. We regret to say he has no redress. He must accept the tariff of the county or borough, however inadequate the sum for the services rendered. When once in the witness-box and he has given testimony to facts, he cannot decline giving opinions relevant to the facts. The fees allowed to a medical man, whether at the assizes or at coroner's inquests, are wholly disproportionate to the services rendered. An attendance of three or four days is remunerated by the same small fee as that allowed for one day.