

isolated dressings of Callender. I say that the results were roughly satisfactory, because we saw a well-healed stump; a satisfactory case of removal of foreign body from the knee-joint, in which the joint had been largely opened; and a case of resection of the elbow-joint, which had been performed by M. Marchand, and in which the parts had been badly crushed, and which, although profusely suppurating, was in a fair way of healing. These cases were all satisfactory: M. Guérin appeared even to consider them exceptional; they are not, however, exceptional, in ordinary experience, in any other hospitals in Europe. They all stank more or less: the odour, according to this eminent surgeon, was that of "stinking cheese"; and it resembled indeed, in the slighter cases, some of those highly odoriferous cheeses of France and Germany, which are, in fact, forms of putrefying casein and albumen. The putrefactive process was apparently modified in most cases, but in some cases the stench was disgusting. That the firm equal pressure of the cotton-wool, the preliminary carbolic impregnation of the surface, and the filtration of air, exercised an excellent influence, in preventing multiple abscesses, œdema, purulent collections, and in tending, in most cases, to arrest extensive decomposition, was evident; and herein lie the frequent advantages and relative safety of the method.

Of the feebleness of the method, and the loopholes of infection which it leaves, of its total inapplicability to a multitude of injuries other than those of the limbs, there was evidence in the wards. One case was of gunshot-wound of the walls of the chest, with penetration of the pleura and (?) of the lung. Here the cotton-wool dressing was impossible, or at least wholly ineffectual. There was an immense collection of stinking pus, no counter-opening, and the general condition, both as to mode of dressing and results, such as it is impossible to approve, and undesirable to criticise. Here would have been a triumph of Lister's or of Callender's method; and the crude simplicity and want of resource of the *pansement ouaté* is as painfully apparent.

It is most unfortunate that the surgical statistics of a French hospital are not confided to a surgical registrar, as in English hospitals, whose duty it is to register, with unalterable impartiality, all cases admitted, and their precise result. The clinical records of the hospitals have no continuity and no permanence. Successive house-surgeons preserve notes, of which the numerical completeness is often contested, and which evidently, in the succession of movable officers and flying sheets, leave room for many lapses and unavoidable accidents of omission. Hence the statistic of M. Guérin, although it is undoubtedly favourable, and must needs show better results than that of the majority of French surgical wards, has not been allowed to pass without reproach. But, apart from statistics, it is easy for any unprejudiced observer to see that, with many merits, and based upon a scientific principle, which is probably now secure from serious contest, the method is yet imperfect, of limited application, and far from being uniform in its merits, or sufficiently elastic to be more than an occasional resource.

In one case, the bandages were saturated with filthy discharge. This case we did not see unbandaged, as it occurred at the end of a long visit; in another, the method was altogether inapplicable, and, in others, there was too abundant and far from inoffensive purulent secretion. Moreover, if I may be permitted the observation, neither the surgeon nor his assistants appeared to be sufficiently impressed with the principle on which the system reposes—that of isolation from dirt. The "surgical finger", which has carried poison to so many wounds, was passed frequently into wounds, one after the other. The instruments used were not systematically purified, and there was a certain indifference to the minute details of cleanliness, by which the transference of contagious particles may be prevented, which betrayed imperfect conviction.

I have ventured to speak quite frankly and openly on this subject. I have been honoured by the friendship of two generations of surgeons and physicians of the school of Paris, and I have frequently done justice to their large learning; their intelligent and perfect appreciation of the anatomical and operative rules of art; their power of defining and contrasting the clinical features of disease; and their operative skill. In all these qualities, M. Guérin is well known to be equal to the best traditions of his school. In activity of mind and in the quickness with which he has seized and applied a fertile principle in surgical therapeutics (that of the filtration of the air around a wound) M. Guérin has undoubtedly rendered a service to his patients and to his art. But where he sees perfection it is hard for others to see more than a primitive essay; and where he sees finality, I can recognise only the commencement of progress.

BEQUEST, ETC.—The Cripples' Home, Bray, has received £300 under the will of the late Miss Maria Pringle; and £50 from the Misses Brooke, being the second donation to the Home.

## ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

### EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the members of the British Medical Association will be held at the Queen's Hotel, Birmingham, on Tuesday, the 27th day of August next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, when the following resolutions passed at the General Meeting of the Association held at the Assembly Rooms, Bath, on Thursday, the 8th day of August, 1878, will be submitted for confirmation as special resolutions.

1. That the article following be added to the articles of association: "No female shall be eligible for election as a member of the Association."

2. That the sixth article be altered by the substitution of the word "Journal" for the word "Publications".

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary*.

London, August 13th, 1878.

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

THE next meeting of the above District will take place at Hythe, on September 12th: Mr. JOHN HACKNEY in the Chair.

Members intending to read papers are requested to inform the Honorary Secretary as early as possible.

WM. KNIGHT TREVES, F.R.C.S., *Honorary Secretary*.

Margate, August 14th, 1878.

### NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.

THE autumnal meeting of this Branch will be held at Sunderland, on Tuesday, October 8th.

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

T. W. BARRON, M.B., *Honorary Secretary*.

10, Old Elvet, Durham, August 20th, 1878.

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the Council, held at the Assembly Rooms, Bath, on Tuesday, August 6th, 1878: present, Mr. HUSBAND, Treasurer, in the Chair; W. Adams, Esq.; T. E. Amyot, Esq.; Dr. J. T. Arlidge; Dr. Ringrose Atkins; J. W. Baker, Esq.; Dr. De Bartolomé; Dr. Begley; Dr. Borchardt; S. W. Broadbent, Esq.; G. W. Callender, Esq.; F.R.S.; Dr. A. Carpenter; Dr. Chadwick; C. N. Collins, Esq.; P. R. Cresswell, Esq.; Dr. A. Davies; Dr. C. M. Durrant; Dr. W. A. Elliston; Dr. R. W. Falconer; Dr. B. W. Foster; R. S. Fowler, Esq.; Dr. E. L. Fox; J. S. Gamgee, Esq.; J. G. Hall, Esq.; A. B. Harrison, Esq.; Ernest Hart, Esq.; Dr. A. Henry; Dr. S. Holdsworth; J. R. Humphreys, Esq.; J. Johnstone, Esq.; Dr. H. M. Jones; W. McCheane, Esq.; Dr. J. McIntyre; F. E. Manby, Esq.; Dr. J. Manley; Dr. H. Marshall; Dr. W. W. Moore; G. B. Morgan, Esq.; A. Napper, Esq.; R. H. B. Nicholson, Esq.; Dr. W. J. Lunn; Dr. T. L. Rogers; Dr. E. Sieveking; W. H. Sissons, Esq.; E. Skeate, Esq.; Dr. J. K. Spender; Dr. A. P. Stewart; R. N. Stone, Esq.; Dr. W. Stokes; Dr. J. Y. Totherick; T. W. Trend, Esq.; Dr. W. F. Wade; Dr. E. Waters; Dr. W. Webb; C. G. Wheelhouse, Esq.; T. W. Williams, Esq.; and Dr. E. T. Wilson:—

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

The Annual Report was then read and considered, and it was resolved:

"That the Annual Report, as amended, be received, adopted, and presented, together with the Financial Statement for the year ending December 31st, 1877, to the General Meeting at eight o'clock this evening."

At a meeting of the Council held at the Assembly Rooms, Bath, on Wednesday, August 7th, 1878: present, Dr. FALCONER, President of Council, in the Chair; T. E. Amyot, Esq.; Dr. J. T. Arlidge; Dr. Ringrose Atkins; T. H. Bartleet, Esq.; Dr. De Bartolomé; Dr. Begley; Dr. Borchardt; Dr. H. Briggs; L. W. Broadbent, Esq.; Dr.

W. H. Broadbent; G. W. Callender, Esq., F.R.S.; Dr. A. Carpenter; Dr. Chadwick; C. N. Collins, Esq.; P. R. Cresswell, Esq.; Dr. W. B. Dalby; H. N. Davies, Esq.; Dr. W. Dickson; Dr. W. H. Dixon; Dr. C. Drage; Dr. W. T. Edwards; S. Felce, Esq.; Dr. B. W. Foster; R. S. Fowler, Esq.; Dr. E. L. Fox; S. Gamgee, Esq.; Dr. W. Gowers; J. G. Hall, Esq.; Dr. H. Harris; Ernest Hart, Esq.; Dr. A. Henry; Dr. S. Holdsworth; J. R. Humphreys, Esq.; A. Jackson, Esq.; J. Johnstone, Esq.; Dr. H. M. Jones; Dr. Talfour Jones; Dr. N. S. Kerr; E. Lund, Esq.; Dr. W. J. Lunn; Dr. A. McClintock; F. E. Manby, Esq.; Dr. J. Manley; Dr. H. Marshall; F. Mason, Esq.; Dr. H. Monckton; Dr. J. B. Montgomery; Dr. W. W. Moore; G. B. Morgan, Esq.; A. Napper, Esq.; R. H. B. Nicholson, Esq.; Dr. W. N. Paine; Dr. C. Parsons; Dr. G. H. Phillips; Dr. W. Procter; Dr. C. Richards; W. Rivington, Esq.; Dr. R. Roberts; Dr. J. Rogers; Dr. T. L. Rogers; W. A. S. Royds, Esq.; Dr. E. Sieveking; W. H. Sissons, Esq.; Dr. J. K. Spender; W. G. Stephens, Esq.; Dr. A. P. Stewart; R. N. Stone, Esq.; Dr. W. Stokes; Dr. J. Thompson; Dr. R. Tiffen; Dr. J. V. Totherick; T. W. Trend, Esq.; Dr. E. H. Vinen; Dr. W. F. Wade; J. H. Wathen, Esq.; Dr. E. Waters; Dr. W. Welch; C. G. Wheelhouse, Esq.; T. W. Williams, Esq.; and Dr. E. T. Wilson:—

It was moved by Dr. CHADWICK of Leeds, and seconded by Dr. SPENDER of Bath:

"That Dr. Alfred Carpenter of Croydon be elected President of the Council for the ensuing three years."

Whereupon it was moved by Mr. GAMGEE of Birmingham, and seconded by Mr. MANBY of Wolverhampton:

"That Dr. W. F. Wade of Birmingham be elected President of the Council for the ensuing three years."

A ballot having been taken, it was resolved that Dr. Withers Moore of Brighton, Dr. Parsons of Dover, and Dr. Rickards of Birmingham, be appointed scrutineers. The scrutineers having examined the number of votes for each candidate, the following appeared to be the result, viz.:

Dr. Carpenter, 56; Dr. Wade, 22.

Dr. Carpenter was accordingly declared elected President of the Council for the ensuing three years.

Moved by Mr. GAMGEE, seconded by Dr. CHADWICK, and resolved unanimously:

"That the warmest thanks of the Council be given to Dr. Falconer for his able and courteous conduct as President of the Council for the past three years."

Dr. Macnaughton Jones of Cork, and Dr. Ringrose Atkins of Waterford Asylum, presented a cordial invitation to the Association to visit Cork in the year 1879, of which the following is a copy.

*"To the President and Members of the Committee of Council of the British Medical Association."*

"We, the undersigned members of the British Medical Association, and of the medical profession resident in Cork and the South of Ireland, have much pleasure in submitting to the Committee of Council our cordial invitation to the Association to hold their next annual meeting in 1879 in the city of Cork. We promise to the Association a hearty welcome to this city, and will endeavour by every means in our power to render the meeting both interesting and agreeable.—(Signed): J. Adderley, M.D.; Ringrose Atkins, M.D.; Wm. Beamish, M.D.; H. Corby, M.D.; W. J. Cummins, M.D.; Jas. G. Curtis, F.R.C.S.; J. A. Eames, M.D.; J. O. Golding, M.D.; J. R. Harvey, M.D.; Charles Harvey, M.D.; W. R. Holmes, M.D.; H. Macnaughton Jones, M.D.; D. C. O'Connor, M.D.; D. C. O'Connor, junior; S. O'Sullivan, M.D.; W. H. Sandham; T. C. Shinkwin, M.D.; W. K. Tanner, M.D.; R. Townsend, jun., M.D.; E. R. Townsend, jun., M.D.; W. C. Townsend, M.D.; Surgeon-Major Orton; Surgeon-Major Collis; J. Hadden, M.D.; D. D. Donovan, M.D.; W. H. Holmes; S. Cronin, M.D.; J. Denovan, M.D.; P. J. Cremen, M.D.; Aug. O'Connor, M.D.; P. Crowlev, M.D.; Deputy-Surgeon-General Crocker; W. Beecher; P. Berry, M.D.; B. Scott, M.D.; D. Cagney, M.D.; P. L. Mason, M.D.; J. O. Sisk, M.D.; Oscar Woods, M.D.; J. McDonough; E. J. Griffin; G. Hickson; J. Hayes, M.D.; J. E. Curry, M.D.; R. O'Reilly; J. Gelston, sen., M.D.; D. O'Flynn, M.D."

Whereupon it was moved by Mr. HUSBAND, seconded by Mr. MASON, and

"Resolved: That the cordial thanks of the Council be given to Dr. Macnaughton Jones and Dr. Ringrose Atkins for again presenting the invitation to the Association, and that Cork be proposed as the place of meeting for 1879 to the Annual Meeting; and further, that Dr. O'Connor be nominated President-Elect."

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL.

At a meeting of the Committee of Council, held at the Assembly Rooms, Bath, August 6th, 1878: present, Dr. FALCONER, President of Council, in the Chair; W. D. Husband, Esq., Treasurer; J. Wright Baker, Esq.; Dr. Martin De Bartolomé; Dr. L. Borchardt; G. W. Callender, Esq., F.R.S.; Dr. A. Carpenter; Dr. C. Chadwick; Dr. A. Davies; Dr. W. A. Elliston; Dr. B. Foster; R. S. Fowler, Esq.; Dr. E. L. Fox; J. R. Humphreys, Esq.; F. E. Manby, Esq.; F. Mason, Esq.; R. H. B. Nicholson, Esq.; Dr. G. H. Philipson; Dr. E. H. Sieveking; Dr. A. P. Stewart; Dr. W. F. Wade; Dr. E. Waters; and C. G. Wheelhouse, Esq.:—

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

Resolved: That it be recommended to the General Meeting of to-day that the following eminent foreigners be elected honorary members: viz., Dr. Theodor Billroth, Vienna; Dr. Charcot, Paris; Dr. Esmarch, Kiel; Dr. O. Liebreich, Berlin; Dr. Ludwig, Leipsic; M. Pasteur, Paris; and Dr. L. A. Sayre, New York.

Resolved: That the fifty-four candidates whose names appear on the circular convening this meeting be elected members of the Association.

The annual report as drawn up by the subcommittee was then considered paragraph by paragraph.

Read telegram from Dr. Grigg.

Resolved: That Dr. Grigg's telegram lie on the table.

Resolved: That the annual report as amended be approved and adopted, and laid before the Council meeting of to-day.

Resolved: That the Committee of Council have received with unfeigned and heartfelt sorrow the intelligence of the death of the revered President of the Association, Dr. Eason Wilkinson; that they beg to assure Mrs. Wilkinson and the other members of her family of the warm sympathy with which they enter into the feelings of the surviving members of Dr. Wilkinson's family; and that the Committee of Council trust that the memory of the distinguished virtues, the amiable character, and the widely recognised merits, of the late Dr. Wilkinson may, under God's blessing, afford his family some comfort and consolation under this bereavement.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Scientific Grants Committee of the 18th and 26th July last be approved, and the recommendations carried into effect.

The minutes of the Scientific Grants Committee contain the consideration of the annual report of the Committee, and recommendations for new grants to the amount of £282.

Read letter from Dr. Boyd Mushet.

Resolved: That the motion of which Dr. Boyd Mushet has given notice that he will move be omitted, in consequence of his absence.

Resolved: That the subject of the alteration of the sixth article by the substitution of the word "Journal" for "publications", be further considered on Thursday next.

At a meeting of the Committee of Council, held at the Assembly Rooms, Bath, August 9th, 1878: present, Dr. CARPENTER, President of the Council, in the Chair; Dr. Falconer, President; W. D. Husband, Esq., Treasurer; Dr. Clifford Allbutt; Dr. J. T. Arlidge; Dr. Martin De Bartolomé; Dr. L. Borchardt; G. W. Callender, Esq., F.R.S.; Dr. C. Chadwick; Dr. A. Davies; Dr. W. A. Elliston; Dr. B. Foster; R. S. Fowler, Esq.; Dr. E. L. Fox; Reginald Harrison, Esq.; F. E. Manby, Esq.; F. Mason, Esq.; R. H. B. Nicholson, Esq.; Dr. C. Parsons; Dr. W. Procter; Dr. J. Sawyer; Dr. E. H. Sieveking; Dr. A. P. Stewart; Dr. W. F. Wade; Dr. E. Waters; and C. G. Wheelhouse, Esq.:—

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

Resolved: That, in accordance with by-law 35, the following be the Journal and Finance Committee for the ensuing twelve months; viz., Dr. Falconer (President), Mr. Alfred Baker, Mr. Callender, Dr. Chadwick, Dr. Balthazar Foster, Mr. F. E. Manby, Dr. Edwin Morris, Mr. R. H. B. Nicholson, Dr. A. P. Stewart, Dr. W. F. Wade, Dr. Edward Waters, Mr. C. G. Wheelhouse, together with Dr. Alfred Carpenter (President of the Council), and Mr. W. D. Husband (Treasurer).

The alteration of Article 6 by the substitution of the word "Journal" for the word "publications" was then further considered.

Resolved: That it is desirable that the feeling of the members of the Association with regard to any limitation in the distribution of publications be ascertained.

It was moved: That a sum of £25 be voted to the Harvey Memorial Fund.

Whereupon an amendment was moved:

That a sum of £50 be voted to the Harvey Memorial Fund.

The amendment having been put from the chair, the same was declared to be lost.

The original motion was then put, and declared to be carried.

Resolved: That the Scientific Grants Committee be appointed as follows; viz.: Mr. Callender, F.R.S. (Chairman); Dr. Falconer (President); Mr. Husband (Treasurer); Mr. Alfred Baker; Dr. Lauder Brunton, F.R.S.; Mr. T. B. Curling, F.R.S.; Dr. Michael Foster, F.R.S.; Mr. Ernest Hart (Honorary Secretary); Dr. McDonnell, F.R.S.; Dr. Rutherford, F.R.S.E.; Dr. Sharpey, F.R.S.; Dr. Burdon Sanderson, F.R.S.; Dr. A. P. Stewart; Dr. W. F. Wade; Dr. Edward Waters; Mr. Wheelhouse; Dr. S. Wilks, F.R.S.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.—The following are the lists of candidates who passed the recent First M.B. Examination for Honours.—Anatomy.

### First Class.

Shaw, John (Exhibition and Gold Medal), St. Thomas's Hospital  
Horsley, Victor Alexander Haden (Gold Medal), University College

### Third Class.

Shearman, Percy Edward, University College

Histology and Physiology.

### First Class.

Bredin, Richard (Gold Medal), Liverpool Royal Infirmary School of Medicine  
Weber, Charles Alfred (Gold Medal), B.A., B.Sc., St. George's Hospital  
Maguire, Robert, Owens College  
King, David Alexander, St. Bartholomew's Hospital  
Horsley, Victor Alexander Haden, University College  
Shearman, Percy Edward, University College  
Shaw, John, St. Thomas's Hospital

### Second Class.

Cantin, Louis Alfred, St. Bartholomew's Hospital } equal.  
Permewan, Arthur Edward, University College }  
M'Donnell, Denis, King's College }  
Rake, Beavan Neave, Guy's Hospital } equal.  
Parkes, Louis Coleman, University College }  
Kirsopp, Thomas, St. Bartholomew's Hospital } equal.  
Parker, William Rushton, University College }

### Third Class.

Bassett, Henry Thurstan, Queen's College, Birmingham, and Guy's Hospital  
Thomas, Walter Dunnean, St. Bartholomew's Hospital  
Hoole, Henry, Charing Cross Hospital  
Dickinson, Thomas Vincent, St. George's Hospital

Organic Chemistry.

### First Class.

Bredin, Richard (Exhibition and Gold Medal), Liverpool Royal Infirmary School of Medicine  
Rake, Beavan Neave, Guy's Hospital  
Macguire, Robert, Owens College

Materia Medica and Pharmaceutical Chemistry.

### First Class.

Shearman, Percy Edward (Exhibition and Gold Medal), University College  
Shaw, John, St. Thomas's College  
Maudsley, Henry, University College

### Second Class.

Permewan, Arthur Edward, University College  
Newholme, Arthur, St. Thomas's Hospital } equal.  
Rake, Beavan Neave, Guy's Hospital }

\* Obtained the number of marks qualifying for the Exhibition.

ROYAL COLLEGES OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, EDINBURGH: DOUBLE QUALIFICATION.—The following gentlemen passed their first professional examination during the July and August sittings of the examiners.

Solomon Fernando, Ceylon; George Holt; —; Powell Hudsmith, Bolton; Sarkies Carapiet Sarkies, Dacca, Bengal; Edward George Geoghegan, Dublin; Stephen Frederick Rowan, St. John, New Brunswick; John Minchin Whitaker, Dublin; John Frederick Arledge, London; Richard Fowler, Dublin; George Skirving, Dublin; Richard Woodward Isbel, Herefordshire; Fredk. William John Cox, Edinburgh; William George Kynaston Barnes, London; William Cotton Cornwall, Hallygar; John Henry Lowry, County Down; Augustine William Sinclair, Edinburgh; Francis Edward Cane, Kilkenny; Arthur Nathaniel Davis, Newport, Mayo; Charles Armstrong, Tyrone; John Connal Wilson, Berwick-on-Tweed; Thomas Robert Horton, Melbourne; Reginald Latimer Wellington Greene, Antrim; Nathaniel Wheatcroft Holmes, Derbyshire; George Hill Healy, Dublin; Alexander Wallace, Ballymena; William Ring, Cork; William Clarkson Clarkson, Bradford; Owen Griffiths, Nevins; Charles John M'Farlane, County Tyrone; Jason Thomas Phillips, Carmarthenshire; James Alexander Mather, Fife; Thomas Bousier White, Sheffield.

The following gentlemen passed their final examination, and were admitted L.R.C.P. Edinburgh and L.R.C.S. Edinburgh.

Henry Charles Sloggett, Dewoonport; William Campbell, Cuthness; Hubert Lindsay Miller, Tasmania; James Mackay, County Tyrone; Wm. Geo. Mawhey, Northampton; Robert Nesmith Paton, Manchester; Sarkies Carapiet Sarkies, Dacca, Bengal; John Francis Grayling, Sittingbourne; Henry Hugh Master, Norwich; James Thoburn M'Laren, Bedlington; Henry Croker Garde, county Cork; Solomon Fernando, Ceylon; John Lindsey, co. Antrim; Patrick Francis Black, county Meath; Arthur Kyffin Crossfield, Carnarvon-

shire; John Brett Johnstone O'Meara, Dublin; John Farrar Roberts, Bangor; William Chalmers Cowan, Dundee; Harvey Robins, Portsmouth; Jas. John Frederic Barnes, London; Duncan Simpson MacDonald, Glasgow; Wm. Galbraith, Ayr; George Anthony O'Connor, Galway; William Cole Haime, Cornwall; Frederick Thomas Main, Blackburn; Jacob Hartman, Prussia; Henry Thomas Thomlinson, Coventry; Jas. Arthur, Dundee; Henry Brewin Noble, Loughborough; Richardson Joseph Boustead, Wigton; Alfred Degardins, Calais; George Douglas Pidecock, Leicestershire; Peter Anderson, Perth; Walter Kent, Cheshire; John M'Kay, Canada; John M'Crimmon, Canada; John Purcell, county Clare; Peter M'Laren, Prince Edward Island; William Clarkson Clarkson, Bradford; Ebenezer Richard Evans, Carligan; John Joseph Wade, Galway; John de Burgh Murray, Dublin; John James Steel, Millport; Albert Vaughan Williamson, Middlesbrough-on-Tees; Edward Parlance M'Farlane, Islay; John M'Arthur, Kenmore; Thos. Boyman Knight, Lincolnshire; William Cornfoot Philp, Kirkcaldy; Stephen Thomas Phillips, Bedfordshire.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, EDINBURGH.—The following gentlemen passed their first professional examination during the July sittings of the examiners.

John Edward Hanson, Huddersfield; Frederick William Clifton, Derby; Robert Owen Jones, Carnarvonshire.

The following gentlemen passed their final examination, and were admitted L.R.C.S. Edinburgh.

Kavasji Hormasji Mistri, Bombay; Edulji Manekji Damid, Bombay; John Cameron Dall, Bedlington; Mark Francis Ryan, county Galway; Jas. G. Ewart, Penicuik; William Gillespie, Glasgow; James Herron, Glasgow.

## MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, Birmingham—Non-Resident Assistant House-Surgeon and Registrar. Salary, £60 per annum, with lunch and dinner daily.

CUMBERLAND INFIRMARY—House-Surgeon. Salary, £700 per annum, with board and washing. Applications to be made on or before September 4th.

HARTLEPOOLS HOSPITAL—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum, with apartments, board, etc. Applications to be made on or before the 30th instant.

LEEDS GENERAL INFIRMARY—House-Surgeon. Salary, £700 per annum, with board, residence, and washing. Applications to be made on or before September 12th.

LINCOLN COUNTY HOSPITAL—House-Surgeon and Apothecary. Salary, £700, with board and lodging. Applications to be made on or before September 27th.

MACCLESFIELD GENERAL INFIRMARY—Senior House-Surgeon. Salary, £700 per annum, with board and residence. Applications to be made on or before the 31st instant.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE INFIRMARY—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to be made on or before the 29th instant.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE INFIRMARY, Hartshill.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £700 per annum, with furnished apartments, board, and washing. Applications to be made on or before the 28th instant.

ROYAL SEA BATHING INFIRMARY, Margate.—Resident Surgeon. Salary, £700 per annum, with board and lodging.

ROYAL SOUTH HANTS INFIRMARY—House-Surgeon. Salary, £85 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to be made on or before the 26th instant.

STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL INFIRMARY—Assistant to the House-Surgeon. Salary, £25 per annum, with board, residence, and washing. Application to be made on or before the 29th instant.

ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOLS—Assistant Demonstrator of Anatomy. Applications to be made on or before September 14th.

WEST HERTS INFIRMARY—House-Surgeon and Dispenser, and also be Assistant Secretary. Salary, £700 per annum, with board and lodging. Application to be made on or before September 5th.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith—Surgeon-Dentist (Honorary). Applications to be made on or before September 9th.

## MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

BURRIS, W. GILCHRIST, Esq., appointed House-Surgeon to the Children's Hospital, Brighton.

DOONS, W. J., M.B., D.Sc., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Montrose Royal Lunatic Asylum, vice J. B. Ronaldson, L.R.C.P. Ed., 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.

### MARRIAGES.

ROBERTSON—ANTHONY.—On August 15th, at St. George's Church, Tredegar, by the Rev. Edward Jones, Vicar, David Drummond Robertson, M.D., Huddersfield, to Elizabeth Catherine (Kate) Anthony, only daughter of Thomas George Anthony, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., Esq., Tredegar.

DUKE—THORN.—On the 26th instant, at St. Mary's, Paddington Green, by the Rev. — Wilkins, George Amos Duke, M.R.C.S., of 9, Cornwall Road, Baywater, to Julia Janet, fourth daughter of W. Thorn, M.D., of 87, Harrow Road, Paddington.

## OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

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| 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, 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.—London, 2 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.—St. Thomas's (Ophthalmic Department), 2 P.M.   |
| SATURDAY.... | St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—King's College, 1 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.—London, 2 P.M.  |

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS  
TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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## SCIENCE PRIMERS.

SIR,—Many of your readers will know one or more intending students of medicine, and will be consulted by them upon various points connected with their future career. Will you allow me to suggest that by counselling a preliminary study of the science primers, especially those upon chemistry and physiology, during the next few weeks, they will be doing such students a very real service? It is well known that, for want of an outline-knowledge of those subjects (and of anatomy), and because he has never had his attention drawn to the simplest facts connected with them, many a student passes his first year in a state of utter confusion and bewilderment.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,  
A LECTURER.

THE following communications have been handed to the General Manager:—Mr. A. C. MacLachlan, Bath (with inclosure); Mr. R. G. Griffiths, Toondla, India; Mr. G. E. Stanger, Nottingham; Messrs. Field and Sons, Leamington; Mr. Thos. Hastie, Lincoln; Mr. Joseph Lewis, Birmingham; Messrs. W. Muller and Co., London; Dr. H. G. Lee, Thame; Mr. C. J. Wright, Leeds; Mr. T. W. Fox, Stevenage; Mr. G. Graham, Wimbourne; Mr. C. E. Abbott, Stafford; Dr. A. M. Buchanan, Glasgow; Mr. Whiteley, Leeds.

## HOLIDAY EXCHANGE OF DUTIES.

SIR,—As the disclosure of a want is almost certain to meet with a response, I this week venture to insert mine by advertisement in the *JOURNAL*. My practice is not so exhausting as to entitle me to an annual holiday either by taking my wife and family to the seaside or on the more expensive tour; at the same time, I feel as much as any the need of change of scene with change of air. At this season, I doubt not that many general practitioners are, like myself, almost if not quite idle; and some may feel, as I do, the responsibility and great expense of leaving a small practice in the hands of a qualified *locum tenens*. There are many, perhaps, wearied rather than exhausted, who do not sigh for greater leisure, yet would feel a new zest in life in crossing other hills and looking into other faces. I hate the seaside lodging and the strange bed each night at some new inn, and I count the cost. Cannot some brother practitioner offer me what I offer him—the comforts of home, with novelty of scene and duties, and most, if not all, the benefits of holiday? My lines are in pleasant places; the country is healthy, rural, and sylvan; there is a great nobleman's mansion and park, and a venerable abbey, both worthy of more than one visit.

I commend this proposal to the many pleasant fellows I have met at local branch and annual meetings, and I invite one of them to visit me from home, and believe that two of us may thus promote the enjoyment of our enforced leisure at very little expense.—I remain, sir, yours,  
J. WY.

## NEW ZEALAND.

SIR,—Permit me to inquire, through the medium of your columns, where the best information can be obtained with reference to New Zealand as a place of residence and a field for professional venture. If any of your readers will kindly communicate to me, direct, any particulars that may be in their power to give, I shall be extremely obliged to them.—Yours faithfully,  
CAROLUS.

6, High Street, Sutton, Surrey, August 19th, 1878.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.—Advertisements for insertion in the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL*, should be forwarded direct to the Publishing Office, 36, Great Queen Street, W.C., addressed to Mr. FOWKE, not later than *Thursday*, Twelve o'clock.

## DRINK-CRAVING.

SIR,—I have a pertinacious case of drink-craving in a man of good social position. He has long since entered the dodging lie-telling and crying stage, and now talks of self-destruction, has indefinable fears, and is restless. Will asylums take such cases? and is it regular to send such a case as this to an asylum? or is there a place where the patient can of his own accord place himself under restraint for a time?—I am, etc.,  
RURAL.

## CLITORIDECTOMY.

SIR,—The case related by "The Examiner" in your last issue does not appear to be one of excessive masturbation, for which clitoridectomy has been practised with more or less success by Leveret, Dubois, Baker Brown, and others. The girl in question, whether she be suffering from nymphomania or not, is undoubtedly morally insane, and should be placed under restraint. Sexual desire is closely interwoven with ovarian excitement; and though it may be produced at pleasure by irritation of the peripheral end of the pudic nerve, it by no means follows that removal of the clitoris would take away the inordinate lust indication of an unhealthy brain or spinal cord.

In this particular instance, there can be little doubt, from the data, that the nerve-centres are more at fault than the peripheral extremity of that branch of the pudic nerve which supplies sensibility to the clitoris, and clitoridectomy is not indicated.—Yours, etc.,  
PERCY BOUTON, M.D., etc., Physician to the Samaritan Hospital for Women.

SIR,—I would venture to suggest to "The Examiner", that if he made a close examination of the vulva and vagina in the case he refers to (in the *JOURNAL* of the 10th instant), he would in all probability discover a number of minute ulcers or vesicles on the mucous membrane of those parts, and that on applying a thirty-grain solution of nitrate of silver for a few days, he would very probably restore the woman to modesty and sanity. I make the suggestion, as a similar case occurred in the practice of a friend of mine.—Yours, etc.,  
WILLIAM DONOVAN.

Whitwick, August 13th, 1878.

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