

## ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

### COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL: NOTICE OF MEETING.

A MEETING of the Committee of Council will be held at the Offices of the Association, 161, Strand, W.C., on Wednesday, the 9th day of October next, at Two o'clock in the afternoon.

FRANCIS FOWKE,

*General Secretary.*

36, Great Queen Street, London, W.C., September 9th, 1878.

### SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SUSSEX DISTRICT.

THE first meeting of the above District for the present season will be held on Friday, the 20th instant, at the Station Hotel, Hayward's Heath; Dr. JAMES BRAID of Burgess Hill in the Chair. The meeting will be at 3.30 P.M. Dinner at 5.30 P.M.

Communications are invited, and notice thereof is requested to be sent at once to the Secretary. The Chairman and Dr. Withers Moore have kindly promised to furnish short papers.

THOMAS TROLLOPE, M.D., *Honorary Secretary.*

9, Maze Hill, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, September 10th, 1878.

### SHROPSHIRE AND MID-WALES BRANCH.

THE annual meeting will be held in the Board Room of the Salop Infirmary on the 24th instant, at 1.30 P.M.; ALFRED MATHIAS, Esq., President, in the Chair. The Dinner will take place after the meeting, at the Lion Hotel, at 4.30 P.M., exact time.

Members intending to read papers or bring forward subjects for discussion are requested to be kind enough to signify the same to the Honorary Secretary at their earliest convenience.

HENRY NELSON EDWARDS, *Honorary Secretary.*

Moreton House, Shrewsbury, September 5th, 1878.

### NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.

THE autumnal meeting of this Branch will be held at the Palatine Hotel, Sunderland, on Tuesday, October 8th, at 3 P.M.; GEORGE MOORE, Esq., M.D., President, in the Chair.

The following papers, etc., have been promised.

1. Notes of a Case of Hæmaturia. By G. H. Philipson, M.D.
2. To exhibit and explain M. Tarnier's Obstetric Forceps. By Jas. Murphy, M.D.
3. Notes of a Case of Double Ovariotomy, done Antiseptically (patient nearly convalescent). By James Murphy, M.D.
4. A Patient after Operation for Multilocular Cyst of Neck. By James Murphy, M.D.

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

The members and their friends will dine together at the Palatine Hotel at 5 P.M. Charge, six shillings, exclusive of wine.

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

10, Old Elvet, Durham, September 11th, 1878.

## PUBLIC HEALTH AND POOR-LAW MEDICAL SERVICES.

### HANDSWORTH BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

WITH the munificence towards the medical profession that often characterises Poor-law authorities, the Handsworth Board of Guardians have been advertising for an assistant medical officer, to whom they were prepared to offer the stipend of £120 per annum. One candidate only appeared; and when, in reply to his inquiry, he was informed that, for this magnificent salary, he would only be required to dispense medicine in the dispensary, keep the dispensary and infirmary books, assist the infirmary medical officer in operations, and act for him in his absence, the candidate, thinking no doubt that it was too easy a berth to enable him to properly utilise his talents, firmly but respectfully declined the post.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

**APOTHECARIES' HALL.**—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, August 29th, 1878.

Baber, Henry Aitkens, Pinhoe, near Exeter  
Dixon, William Edward, Compton Road, near Canterbury  
James, James Thomas, Llwyniack, Llandovery  
Womersley, Joshua King, Grove House, Norwich

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

Beresford, Charles William, University College  
Farrer, Robert Thompson, Leeds School of Medicine  
Flanagan, Harold E. B., Guy's Hospital  
Lunn, Ernest C. St. Thomas's Hospital  
Rowland, Hugh P., Guy's Hospital  
Tew, James Scott, University College  
Wheeler, Albert, Middlesex Hospital  
Wight, Ernest O., St. Mary's Hospital  
Wood, Charles, University College

The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, September 5th, 1878.

Cuthbert, Francis Firmin, Mendlesham, Stowham, Suffolk  
Davies, James, Dee Bank, Chester  
Pollard, John Henry, Shair, near Oldham  
Woollett, Sidney Winslow, Chigwell, Essex

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

Beckett, Thomas George, Guy's Hospital  
Churchouse, William John Franklin, Charing Cross Hospital  
Stover, Herbert Charles, Guy's Hospital

### MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—

**CALLAN UNION**—Medical Officer to Workhouse and Fever Hospital, at a salary of £40 per annum.—Also, Medical Officer for Callan Dispensary District. Salary, £100 a year, and £20 per annum as Sanitary Officer, with the usual Fees for Registration and Vaccination. Election will take place on the 19th instant.

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

**CLIFDEN UNION**—Medical Officer for Inishboffin Dispensary District. Salary, £100 per annum, exclusive of Registration and Vaccination Fees. Applications to the 18th instant.

**LEICESTER INFIRMARY AND FEVER HOUSE**—House-Surgeon and Apothecary. Salary to commence at £120 per annum, with board, washing, and apartments. Application to be made on or before the 28th instant.

**LINCOLN COUNTY HOSPITAL**—House-Surgeon and Apothecary. Salary, £100, with board and lodging. Applications to be made on or before the 27th instant.

**NATIONAL ORTHOPÆDIC HOSPITAL**, Great Portland Street—Surgical Registrar.

**ROYAL SEA BATHING INFIRMARY**, Margate.—Resident Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with board and lodging.

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

**WESTERN DISPENSARY**, Westminster—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £105 per annum, with apartments, coals, and gas. Applications to be made on or before the 18th instant.

### 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.

**SERGEANT—WHERRY.**—On the 11th instant, at Bourne, \*W. R. Sergeant, L.R.C.P., The Priory, Croyland, to Frances Eleanor, second daughter of Mr. Edward Wherry of Bourne.

**WHARTON—CLEGG.**—On the 4th instant, at Emmanuel Church, Holcombe, by the Rev. Henry Dowsett, Rector, \*Joseph Wharton, L.K.Q.C.P.I., M.R.C.S., etc., Hopwood House, Oldham, to Alice, only daughter of the late John Clegg, Oldham.—No cards.

**BEQUEST.**—Admiral Sir George Back has bequeathed £100 to St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington.

**PRESENTATION TO MR. JOHN PARSONS.**—Mr. John Parsons has been presented with a very handsome service of silver plate, of the value of upwards of £450, consisting of a centre-piece with branches, a centre-bowl with figures representing Benevolence, Aesculapius, and Medicine, and the Parsons coat of arms, and four dessert-stands. On the base of the centre-piece is inscribed: "Presented to John Parsons, Esq., F.R.C.S., Senior Medical Officer of the Bridgwater Infirmary, by the friends and supporters of that Institution, and by patients mindful of its benefits, as an expression of their thanks for his gratuitous services and unremitting kindness for a period of thirty-three years."

## OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

**MONDAY**..... Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's, 9 A.M. and 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Royal Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.

**TUESDAY**..... Guy's, 1.30 P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—West London, 3 P.M.—National Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY**.. St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—St. Mary's, 1.30 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—King's College, 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, 1 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.

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 authenticate 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 of 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.

## REMUNERATION FOR MEDICAL SERVICES.

SIR.—Have I any redress under the following circumstances? I am the only resident qualified practitioner in this large and isolated suburban district of a manufacturing town. Now, the parish medical officer for this district and several others more or less isolated, but all under the charge of the same officer, lives a long way off. The consequence is, when any emergency occurs in this district, I am straightway summoned, and can scarcely refuse to attend, both from motives of humanity and from knowing the great distance at which, first, the relieving officer, and secondly, the parish doctor live. I have been summoned in this way, by the local midwife, to cases of impending death from flooding, and also by neighbours of people who have met with various accidents, and been seized with sudden illness, in all of which cases no hope of remuneration has existed. Now we all know that the first attendance is the most onerous, called for as it often is at all sorts of inconvenient times; and so, even if I do afterwards hand some of these cases over to their proper attendant, I submit I have already borne the brunt of the battle. Now, I could not dream of coming on my ill-paid *comfrere* for any of his small salary, and my object in writing to you is to ask, "Can I do anything?"—I inclose card, and remain,

A BADLY-REMUNERATED MEMBER.

\* \* \* We heartily concur with our correspondent that the case, as put by him, is a very unfair one, and we much fear that his position is by no means isolated; but, unfortunately, there is no provision under the Poor-law whereby payment can be claimed for services thus rendered; but he may, on representation to the Board of Guardians, setting out the urgency of the case, obtain some consideration, though our experience of such bodies indisposes us to believe in their other than exceptional show of fairness. In any future case, we would advise our correspondent to direct that the applicant should apply to the overseer for an order: this would not, it is true, enable the medical gentleman to recover for his attendance, but it would greatly strengthen his claim on the Board of Guardians, and might, on their refusal to pay, induce the Central Board to order reasonable remuneration if the facts of the case were subsequently put before them.

ERRATUM.—In the JOURNAL for August 24th, page 279, column 2, line 14 from bottom, for Mr. Holmes, read Dr. Volkmann.

## MOIST HANDS.

SIR.—I am afraid your inquirer will be deceived if he hope to cure sweaty hands and feet by any local external application or by gloveless manual labour, as some of your correspondents recommend. Although this condition is apparently simple, yet it is productive of much inconvenience and discomfort. Allow me to state that it is essentially the local manifestation of a general neurosis, arising from defective action of the vaso-constrictor nerves, the causes of which are numerous. The remedy will be found in a dose of colomel and compound scammony powder every third night, and a draught containing atropine, strychnine, and quinine, three times a day.—Very truly yours,

THOMAS STRETCH DOWSE, M.D., F.R.C.P.E.

2, Old Burlington Street, S.W., September 1878.

CORRESPONDENTS are particularly requested by the Editor to observe that communications relating to Advertisements, changes of address, and other business matters, should be addressed to Mr. Francis Fowke, General Secretary and Manager, at the Journal Office, 36, Great Queen Street, W.C., and not to the Editor.

## A CONSULTATION CHARGE.

SIR.—Would you kindly give me your opinion of the following case? A short time ago, I had a case which simulated hydrophobia. The parents, who are poor persons, wished further advice; and I agreed to meet any medical man they might choose. They sent for one residing near, and I met him at their house. The same day I received an account of £1 1s. for "a consultation", and the bearer was to "wait for an answer". I wrote, stating it seemed to me a most unusual proceeding for a medical man to send in an account for consultation to the medical man he met and not to the parents. Last week, however, the account was again rendered, and the following message given to my page: "Tell the doctor to settle this account at once, as he ought to know that the fee should have been paid at the time." Am I responsible for this fee?—Yours truly,

IGNORANT.

\* \* \* Certainly not.

A METROPOLITAN TEACHER.—The registration of students at the Royal College of Surgeons has been abolished, both for Metropolitan and Provincial Students. Attendance, therefore, for that purpose will be unnecessary in the ensuing month.

## NOISES IN THE EARS.

SIR.—In answer to a member, I should say that the best medicine for this complaint is bromide of potassium. It should be taken for several weeks, perhaps months, continuously. The dose at first should be twenty grains three times a day, and subsequently, if it cause too great a degree of drowsiness, fifteen grains. I believe the bromides give more satisfactory results than the hydrobromic acid—so called. It is mentioned that the patient is of gouty diathesis. To know what is meant by this term, a description of the symptoms supposed to indicate gout should be given. People with noises in their ears (when they are not produced by some appreciable physical cause) are generally of the nervous temperament, between which and the gouty there is a very intimate relationship. Some maintain that gout is a purely nervous disease. The theory which supports this view is certainly more defensible than the uric acid one. Noises in the ears are often caused by a too free vascular supply to the tympani; and this again by suspension of the nervous control, owing to some defects in the vaso-motor function. But there are, no doubt, a great many causes; and the great point is to determine which it is in each case.

I would refer a member, for further information, to Dr. Woakes's papers in the first volume of the *Lancet* for this year; also a paper by the same author in the *Practitioner* for this year; and one on an allied subject (Menière's disease) by Dr. Gowers in the JOURNAL last year.—Yours obediently,

T. A. WOOD.

## ENLARGED PROSTATE.

SIR.—Would any of your readers kindly inform me if they have found any medical treatment of service in diminishing or arresting the increase of enlarged prostate?—Yours faithfully,

A PERPLEXED MEMBER.

We are indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news, reports, and other matters of medical interest:—The Western Morning News; The Yorkshire Post; The Coventry Herald; The Wisbech Advertiser; The West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser; The League Journal; The Liverpool Daily Post; The Newport and Drayton Advertiser; The Exeter and Plymouth Gazette; The Chicago Times; The Manchester Guardian; The Berkshire Chronicle; The Glasgow Herald; The Oswestry Advertiser; The Edinburgh Daily Courant; The Middlesex County Times; The Liverpool Evening Albion; The Daily Courier; The Southport Visitor; The Wrexham Advertiser; The Edinburgh Courant; The Kelso Chronicle; The Fifeshire Herald; The Merthyr Express; The Carnarvon and Denbigh Herald; The Surrey Advertiser; The Stroud News; The Scotsman; The Manchester Courier; The West Middlesex Advertiser; The Western Mail; The Essex Advertiser; The Melbourne Argus; The Midland Free Press; The Cork Constitution; The East London Observer; The Leeds Mercury; The United Service Gazette; The Citizen; The Gloucestershire Standard; The Glasgow Evening News; The Liverpool Mercury; The Weymouth Telegram; The Cornwall Gazette; etc.

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

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

Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson, London; Dr. Falconer, Bath; Mr. G. W. Callender, London; Dr. T. S. Dowse, London; Dr. B. Foster, Birmingham; M.D. Edin.; Mr. G. Mowat, Swansea; Dr. W. L. Reid, Glasgow; Dr. R. S. Stone, Flad, Mauritius; Dr. F. Warner, London; W.; Dr. Bond, Gloucester; Mr. Lennox Browne, London; Dr. Cassells, Glasgow; Dr. Levinge, Stapleton; Dr. Marion Sims, Paris; Dr. Cumming, Edinburgh; Mr. G. Gaskin, London; Mr. W. K. Treves, Margate; Dr. Winn, London; Dr. Radford, Manchester; The Secretary of Apothecaries' Hall; Dr. A. S. Taylor, London; Mr. G. Meadows, Hastings; Dr. J. H. Joy, Tamworth; M.; Drs. Wyld and Wilson, London; Dr. Skerritt, Clifton; Dr. Fairlie Clarke, Southborough; Mr. Jabez Thomas, Swansea; The Registrar-General of England; Anonymous; Rev. A. Welch, St. Mary Cray; Dr. Tripe, London; Dr. Broom, Clifton; Dr. A. D. L. Napier, Dunbar; The Registrar-General of Ireland; Bolus; Dr. J. W. Moore, Dublin; Mr. G. C. Steet, London; Insomnia; Dr. Tizard, Weymouth; Dr. Corfield, London; Mr. R. Hughes, Woodbridge; Mr. T. W. Barron, Durham; Mr. Hugh Robinson, Preston; Dr. W. N. Macall, Manchester; Dr. E. Andrew, Shrewsbury; Our Edinburgh Correspondent; Mr. H. Taylor, Guildford; Dr. R. H. Taylor, Liverpool; Dr. Thomas Trollope, St. Leonards-on-Sea; Dr. W. F. Wade, Birmingham; Mr. D. Hamilton, Londonderry; Our Dublin Correspondent; Late Diner, London; Mr. E. Bellamy, London; Dr. E. W. Collins, Dublin; A General Practitioner, Liverpool; Dr. W. Boyd Mushet, New Brighton; Novice; Mr. T. M. Stone, London; Mr. T. Cooke, London; Mr. I. T. Bridgeman, Berkeley; Mr. F. Gull, Coddenham; Noblesse oblige; Mr. A. S. Greenway, Fulham; etc.