

Home) through the various wards and dormitories of the hospital, where thirty cripples are at present inmates. A new ward has been added for incurable cases, which Her Grace promised to endow, whilst expressing the pleasure she felt in inspecting an institution so deserving.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, CORK.

At a meeting, held on July 21st, of the Body Corporate of the Queen's College, Cork, a statement was adopted in reference to the clauses of the University Education (Ireland) Bill, 1879, which affect the Queen's University in Ireland. The authors point out that the Queen's Colleges would, if the Bill became law, cease to act as University Colleges, and be undistinguishable from local schools; that the whole character of the degrees would be altered; and that the standard hitherto maintained in the Queen's University must be necessarily lowered; and it is possible that the study of physical and biological sciences, which require for their illustration, and especially for their practical teaching, expensive apparatus, laboratories, museums, etc., would be discouraged. The dissolution of the Queen's University will also inflict a great injustice on the graduates, whose degrees would lose the *prestige* now attached to them if they were transformed into the degrees of a new University, which would take a considerable time to earn, if ever it would, a position equal to that now enjoyed by the Queen's University; and, in the case of medical graduates, the loss of a degree of recognised value would further involve a pecuniary injury. The statement further adds that the proposed measure will inflict special injustice on the Professors of the Queen's Colleges as regards their status, teaching, and emoluments; for, if attendance on lectures is not in future to be obligatory on students proceeding to a degree, a direct inducement will be offered to them not to take courses of lectures. We think that the Body Corporate of the Queen's College, Cork, have put forward, in the clear and temperate statement which they have issued, conclusive proofs of the injurious effect which the new Bill, if passed, will have on the Queen's Colleges; and we hope, should it become law, that the modifications it may receive will meet the objections made on the part of the Queen's University.

DUNDRUM CRIMINAL LUNATIC ASYLUM.

ON the 31st of last December, there were one hundred and seventy-seven inmates in this asylum, twenty-three having been admitted during the year, six having died, while seven were discharged unimproved and sent back to district asylums. Of these one hundred and seventy-seven inmates, one hundred and forty were men and thirty-seven women. The number of patients has been increasing year by year, owing to two causes: first, the mortality has not exceeded $3\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. in a year, on the average under treatment, as against 8 per cent. elsewhere; and, secondly, when a patient recovers, a discharge does not necessarily ensue, and under no circumstances is an uncured lunatic let out on trial before the termination of his legal imprisonment. In consequence, additional provision may soon be urgently required; and the Inspectors of Lunatic Asylums, in their recent report, suggest either of two alternatives to meet exigencies and obviate an enlargement of the present buildings, viz.: one having regard to the ages of inmates—some being old, decrepit, harmless, and inoffensive—some of whom, if not guilty of grave crimes, might be pardoned, discharged, and disposed of locally—Government paying for their maintenance elsewhere, and thereby saving about £16 a year per head; the other, to allocate, at any existing or future *dépôt*, a small portion of the premises to convict prisoners attacked, while under confinement, with actual or pretended mania; so that, the expense of structural additions at Dundrum, where the amount of land is restricted, would be avoided. The cost per head was £35, on the average number of patients resident in the asylum.

BEQUESTS.—Mrs. Alicia Buckley bequeathed £100 to St. Michael's Hospital, Kingstown; Mr. Henry Barker Brown, £50 to the Hospital for Incurables, Donnybrook.

DR. CASSELLS of Glasgow has been unanimously elected by the president and members of the Société Royale des Sciences Médicales et Naturelles de Bruxelles a corresponding member of that society.

MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS.

A MEETING of the Fellows was held on July 31st, when Dr. Bright and Dr. Sparks were admitted to the fellowship. This being the final meeting of this session, the usual reports from the Library Committee and the Curators of the Museum were presented and approved. The grant was continued to the library, and special thanks were voted to Dr. Lionel Beale for his valuable services in the museum. A vote of thanks was also passed to Drs. Shepherd and Farquharson for their active interest in arranging for the *soirée*.

The reports from the Council respecting the subjects of ophthalmology and obstetric medicine were presented, and the opinion was expressed that it is undesirable to enforce special attendance on lectures on the former, or to make it a special subject of examination. With regard to the latter subject, the College advised extended practical teaching, but not an increase in the number of lectures.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

AN ordinary meeting of the Council was held on Thursday, the 7th instant. Dr. Sieveking resigned his appointment as Examiner in Medicine, and Mr. Erichsen his seat in the Court of Examiners. The resolution of the General Medical Council relating to the licence in dental surgery was partially considered, but the subject was finally deferred till the next meeting.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—The following gentlemen were admitted as Fellows on July 31st, 1879.

Bright, George Charles, M.D.Ox., Cannes, France
Sparks, Edward Isaac, M.B.Ox., Crewkerne

The following gentlemen were admitted as Members on July 31st.

Lush, William George Vawdrey, M.D.Lond., Weymouth
Sharkey, Seymour John, M.B.Ox., St. Thomas's Hospital
Simon, Robert Michael, M.B.Camb., Manchester

Names of candidates for the College Licence, who, having conformed to the by-laws and regulations, and passed the required examinations, were proposed to the College to have Licences to practise physic granted to them on July 31st.

Ashe, William Percy, 20, Linden Gardens, W.
Bullock, Charles, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Burwash, Henry John, 144, Kennington Road, S.E.
Chamberlain, Edward Twyford, Southsea
Coles, Donald Alexander, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Dale, Frederick, York
Davies, Hugh Edward, University Hospital
Evans, Arthur Llewellyn, University Hospital
Francis, William, 21, Huntley Street, W.C.
Freeman, William Thomas, Burnham
Gibbes, Heneage, 23, Oberstein Road, S.W.
Goyder, Charles Melvior, Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne
Gurd, David Frazer, 78, Lambeth Road, S.E.
Hassan, Syed, 18, Bedford Place, W.C.
Henderson, Cecil, Clifton
Hill, Charles Birnie, University Hospital
Lewis, John George Stephen, 1, Windsor Road, Ealing, W.
Lunn, John Reuben, Children's Hospital, Shadwell
Macdonald, George Alexander, Hull
McMunn, James, 42, Gower Street, W.C.
Nicholson, James Edward, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Palmer, William Pitt, Ashill, Ilminster
Patterson, George Henry, Brighton
Pierson, Alfred Henry, 21, Blessington Road, Lee, S.E.
Price, Edward Morris, 24, York Road, Leamington Park, W.
Sykes, William Ainley, Golcar, Huddersfield
White, Richard Watts, Guy's Hospital

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following gentlemen, having undergone the necessary examinations for the diploma, were admitted members of the College at a meeting of the Court of Examiners, on July 25th.

Barling, H. G., Newnham, Gloucestershire (St. Bartholomew's Hospital)
Clowes, H. A., Sydney, New South Wales (Guy's Hospital)
Cottell, A. B., Great Cheyne Road (St. George's Hospital)
Cowan, G. H., M.B.Toronto, Napanee, Canada (St. Thomas's Hospital)
Davies, J. D., Merthyr Tydvil (St. George's Hospital)
Emerson, P. H., Teignmouth (King's College)
Harrison, E. M., L.S.A., Brackley (Charing Cross Hospital)
Hoskyn, D. T., Kilburn (University College)
Lewis, C. J., Birmingham (Birmingham School)
Neale, W. H., Boundary Road, N.W. (University College)
Patterson, G. H., L.S.A., Brighton (St. Bartholomew's Hospital)
Porritt, Norman, Huddersfield (Leeds School)
Schlesinger, R. E., Melbourne, Australia (King's College)
Shapley, Frank, L.S.A., Torquay (London Hospital)
Shaw, W. W., Kirkham (St. Bartholomew's Hospital)
Sherrard, C. D., L.K.Q.C.P.I., Tavistock Crescent (University College)
Walton, R. S., Hebden Bridge (University College)
Wray, G. B., Nottingham (University College)

Six candidates were rejected.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

Particulars of those marked with an asterisk will be found in the advertisement columns.

The following vacancies are announced:—

- CARRICK-ON-SUIR UNION**—Medical Officer for Piltown Dispensary District, at a salary of £100 per annum, and £50 per annum as Sanitary Officer, together with Registration and Vaccination Fees. Election on the 14th instant.
- CITY AND COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM**, near Bristol. Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, with furnished apartments, board, and washing. Applications on or before the 20th instant.
- ***EAST SUFFOLK HOSPITAL**—Honorary Physician. Applications to be made on or before August 20th.
- LINCOLN COUNTY HOSPITAL**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications to be made on or before August 11th.
- ***NEWPORT (Monmouthshire) ODD FELLOWS' MEDICAL AID ASSOCIATION**—Assistant-Surgeon. Salary to commence at £70 per annum, with board and residence. Applications on or before August 20th.
- NORTHAMPTON GENERAL INFIRMARY**—Physician. Applications not later than the 26th instant.
- PARISH OF ST. JOHN'S, Hampstead**—Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £125 per annum. Applications on or before September 1st.
- ***QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S LYING-IN HOSPITAL**, Marylebone Road—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £60 per annum, with board and residence. Applications on or before September 1st.
- ***ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL**—Junior Resident Medical Officer. Applications on or before August 10th.
- SHEFFIELD GENERAL INFIRMARY**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications on or before August 16th.
- SHILLELAGH UNION**—Medical Officer for Hackelstown and Coolkenno Dispensary District. Salary, £100 per annum as Medical Officer; £16 yearly as Sanitary Officer, with Registration and Vaccination Fees. Election on the 14th instant.
- SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL**—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 and £10 a year from each Resident Pupil. Applications on or before August 13th.
- ***WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL**—Pathologist and Curator of the Museum. Remuneration, £52:10 per annum. Applications on or before September 13th.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

- JEFFERSON, W. D., L.R.C.P.Ed.**, appointed Certifying Factory Surgeon for the District of Ripon, *vice* T. T. Frankland, M.R.C.S.Eng., resigned.
- ***THOMPSON, James, M.D.**, appointed one of the Medical Officers in Ordinary to the Leamington Provident Dispensary; also, re-appointed Surgeon to the Borough Police Force.

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 announcements.

BIRTHS.

- FAUSSET**.—On July 31st, at Tamworth, the wife of Herbert J. Fausset, M.D., of a son.
- TOLERTON**.—On July 26th, at Sherston Magna, Malmesbury, the wife of William Ratcliffe Tolerton, M.D., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

- EVANS**.—**HOWARD**.—On the 7th instant, at St. Michael's, Chester Square, by the Rev. Canon Fleming, B.D., Vicar of the Parish, assisted by the Rev. Robert Maguire, D.D., Rector of St. Olave's, Southwark; ***Alfred Henry Evans, M.R.C.S.**, of Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire, to Helen, eldest daughter of Frederick Howard, The Abbey Close, Bedford.
- JEPSON**.—**GILLIAT**.—On the 31st ult., at St. George's Church, Leeds, by the Rev. J. C. Hudson, Vicar of Thornton, Lincolnshire, Edward Jessop, M.R.C.S., of Durham, to Jessie Maria, youngest daughter of the late George Gilliat, Esq., of Horncastle.
- OOSTON**.—**RHIND**.—At Aberdeen, on July 30th, ***Francis Ogston, jun., M.D.**, Aberdeen, to Charlotte Elizabeth Rhind, second daughter of the late Rev. Alexander Rhind, F.C., Minister of Knockando, Banffshire.

DEATH.

- WARE, James Richardson, M.R.C.S.**, aged 79, at Southampton, on July 25th.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH.—The weekly return of the Registrar-General states that 5,622 births and 2,974 deaths were registered in London and in twenty-two other large towns of the United Kingdom. The mortality from all causes was at the average rate of 18 deaths annually in every 1,000 persons living. The annual death-rate was 17 per 1,000 in Edinburgh, 16 in Glasgow, and 23 in Dublin; small-pox caused four more deaths in Dublin. The annual rates of mortality per 1,000, last week, in the twenty English towns, ranged in order from Portsmouth, 12, to 21 in Oldham and in Plymouth. In London, 2,396 births and 1,349 deaths were registered. The annual death-rate from all causes, which had been equal to 17.0, 17.2, and 17.4 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, further rose last week to 19.4. During the past five weeks of the current quarter, the death-rate in London has averaged but 17.7 per 1,000, against 20.9 and 25.0 in the corresponding five weeks of 1877 and 1878. The deaths referred to diarrhoea, which had been 27 and 25 in the two preceding weeks, rose last week, under the influence of the higher temperature, to 46; but were so many as 311 below the corrected average for the corresponding week of the last ten years.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

- MONDAY**.....Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's, 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.—St. Mark's, 2 P.M.—Cancer Hospital, Brompton, 3 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.—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 P.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.—East London Hospital for Children, 2 P.M.
- SATURDAY**....St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—King's College, 1 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.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.

HOURS OF ATTENDANCE AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

- CHARING CROSS**.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin, M. Th.; Dental, M. W. F., 9.30.
- GUY'S**.—Medical and Surgical, daily, exc. Tu., 1.30; Obstetric, M. W. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Th., 1.30; Tu. F., 12.30; Ear, Tu. F., 12.30; Skin, Tu., 12.30; Dental, Tu. Th. F., 12.
- KING'S COLLEGE**.—Medical, daily, 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. Th. S., 2; o.p., M. W. F., 12.30; Eye, M. Th. S., 1; Ear, Th., 2; Skin, Th.; Throat, Th., 3; Dental, Tu. F., 10.
- LONDON**.—Medical, daily exc. S., 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30 and 2; Obstetric, M. Th., 1.30; o.p., W. S., 1.30; Eye, W. S., 9; Ear, S., 9.30; Skin, W. 9; Dental, Tu., 9.
- MIDDLESEX**.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; o.p., W. S., 1.30; Eye, W. S., 8.30; Ear and Throat, Tu., 9; Skin, F., 4; Dental, daily, 9.
- ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S**.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, M. Th. S., 2; o.p., W. S., 9; Eye, Tu. W. Th. S., 2; Ear, M., 2.30; Skin, F., 1.30; Larynx, W., 11.30; Orthopaedic, F., 12.30; Dental, F., 9.
- ST. GEORGE'S**.—Medical and Surgical, M. Tu. F. S., 1; Obstetric, Tu. S., 1; o.p., Th., 2; Eye, W. S., 2; Ear, Tu., 2; Skin, Th., 1; Throat, M., 2; Orthopaedic, W., 2; Dental, Tu. S., 9; Th., 1.
- ST. MARY'S**.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.15; Obstetric, Tu. F., 9.30; o.p., Tu. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Th., 1.30; Ear, W. S., 2; Skin, Th., 1.30; Throat, W. S., 12.30; Dental, W. S., 9.30.
- ST. THOMAS'S**.—Medical and Surgical, daily, except Sat., 2; Obstetric, M. Th., 2; o.p., W. F., 12.30; Eye, M. Th., 2; o.p., daily except Sat., 1.30; Ear, Tu., 12.30; Skin, Th., 12.30; Throat, Tu., 12.30; Children, S., 12.30; Dental, Tu. F., 10.
- UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1 to 2; Obstetric, M. Tu. Th. F., 1.30; Eye, M. W. F., 2; Ear, S., 1.30; Skin, Tu., 1.30; S., 9; Throat, Th., 2.30; Dental, W., 10.3.
- WESTMINSTER**.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. F., 3; Eye, M. Th., 2.30; Ear, Tu. F., 9; Skin, Th., 1; Dental, W. S., 9.15.

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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CORRESPONDENTS not answered, are requested to look to the Notices to Correspondents of the following week.

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.

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

WE CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO RETURN MANUSCRIPTS NOT USED.

MR. WOOD'S ADDRESS ON MEDICAL EDUCATION.

SIR,—Professor Wood, in his admirable observations on the shortcomings of modern students, misquotes (no doubt inadvertently) two classical authors. Shakespeare wrote: "Vaulting ambition, which o'erleaps itself and falls on the other" (*Macbeth*, act 1, sc. 7). Horace wrote: "Naturam expellas furca, tamen usque recurret" (*Horace, Epist.*, l. 1, 10.) The professor's line will not scan; these slight inaccuracies are noticeable from their position in the text of the address.—I am, sir, yours, etc., Millbrook, Southampton, August 5th, 1879. HENRY DAYMAN.

SIR.—Are there any private "homes" where epileptics are taken in and cared for? If so, where? I do not find any in the *Medical Directory*.—Yours faithfully, July 1879. L. B.