

Every fifth year, each faculty shall nominate to the government a professor or substitute, to be charged with the duty of making scientific investigations and observations on the medical topography of Brazil, or of studying in foreign countries the best methods of teaching and investigating certain diseases, and of examining the medical establishments and institutions of the most advanced nations of Europe and America.

The course of medical study extends over six years.

## ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

### WEST KENT DISTRICT.

THE first evening meeting of this district will be held at the residence of J. C. Armstrong, Esq., 197, Parrock Street, Gravesend, on Tuesday, September 23rd, at 6.45 P.M.: J. ARMSTRONG, M.D., in the Chair.

Mr. Jessett of Erith has kindly consented to introduce the subject of "Fractures".

A. H. B. HALLOWES, M.R.C.S., *Honorary Secretary.*  
Maidstone, September 2nd, 1879.

### NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.

THE autumnal meeting of this Branch will be held in Bishop Cosin's Library, Durham, on Tuesday, September 23rd, at 2 P.M.; G. H. PHILIPSON, M.A., M.D., President, in the Chair.

Members desirous of reading papers, or making other communications, are requested to give notice to the Secretary at their earliest convenience.

Service in Durham Cathedral at 4 P.M. Dinner in the Castle Hall, Durham, at 5 P.M. Dinner tickets may be obtained from the Secretary, six shillings; inclusive of wine, nine shillings. Gentlemen who intend to be present are particularly requested to intimate their intention before Monday, September 22nd, in order that proper arrangements may be made for the dinner.

T. W. BARRON, M.B., *Honorary Secretary.*  
10, Old Elvet, Durham, Sept. 10th, 1879.

### SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.

THE next ordinary meeting of this Branch will be held at the Assembly Rooms, Tenby, on Wednesday, September 24th, at 1 P.M.

Dinner at the Gate House Hotel. Further particulars by circular.

Members wishing of read papers, etc., are requested to communicate the titles to either of the Honorary Secretaries, without delay.

ALFRED SHEEN, M.D., } *Honorary Secretaries.*  
J. HANCOCK WATHEN, }  
September 10th, 1879.

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

THE next meeting of this district will be held at Ramsgate, on September 25th, at 3 o'clock; President, Mr. S. WOODMAN, F.R.C.S.

Members desirous of reading papers are requested to communicate with the Secretary.

WM. KNIGHT TREVES, F.R.C.S., *Honorary Secretary.*  
Margate, August 31st, 1879.

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

THE first meeting of the above district for the present season will be held at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, on Friday, September 26th, at 3.30 P.M.: Dr. ALLEN in the Chair.

All members of the South-Eastern Branch are entitled to attend, and to introduce professional friends.

Papers, etc., are expected from the Chairman, "On the Medical Aspects of Provident Dispensaries"; from Mr. Gabb, "On a Case of Skin-Disease"; Mr. Campbell, "Case of Perineal Section"; and from Dr. John Williams, of University College Hospital, on "Antiseptic Midwifery".

Notice of intended communications is requested by the Secretary not later than Wednesday, the 17th instant, in order that they may be inserted in the usual circular.

Dinner will be provided at the hotel at the ordinary charge.

THOMAS TROLLOPE, M.D., *Hon. District Secretary.*  
9, Maze Hill, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, Sept. 9th, 1879.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

### MEDICAL VACANCIES.

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

THE following vacancies are announced:—

ARDEE UNION—Medical Officer for Collon Dispensary District, at a Salary of £100 per annum, with £15 per annum as Sanitary Officer, Registration and Vaccination Fees. Election on the 18th instant.

\*BETHLEHEM HOSPITAL—Two Resident Medical Students. Applications on or before October 11th, 1879.

\*BIRMINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL—Assistant Physician. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications on or before September 29th.

\*BRIGHTON AND HOVE LYING-IN INSTITUTION—House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum, with furnished apartments, coals, gas, and attendance. Applications on or before October 2nd.

\*CUMBERLAND INFIRMARY—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications, with testimonials, not later than September 23rd.

\*GLOUCESTER COUNTY ASYLUM, West Gloucester—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £60 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications on or before September 22nd.

\*GUEST HOSPITAL, Dudley—Matron. Salary, £60 per annum, with board, washing, and apartments.

\*KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications on or before September 26th.

\*MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY, DISPENSARY, and JUNATIC ASYLUM—Honorary Assistant Surgeon.

\*NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE INFIRMARY—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum, board, lodging, and washing. Applications on or before September 24th.

\*NORTH SHIELDS AND TYNEMOUTH DISPENSARY—House-Surgeon and Dispenser. Salary, £120 per annum, furnished house, gas, coals, etc. Applications must be forwarded by October 1st.

PORTUMNA UNION—Medical Officer for No. 1 Dispensary District. Salary, £100 per annum, and £12:10 as Medical Officer of Health, together with Registration and Vaccination Fees. Election on the 20th instant.

\*RADCLIFFE INFIRMARY, Oxford—House-Surgeon. Applications on or before October 4th.

\*ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE SKIN, Leicester Square—Assistant Physician and Honorary Assistant Surgeon. Applications on or before the 17th instant.

\*ST. MARYLEBONE GENERAL DISPENSARY—Honorary Physician. Election on October 1st.

SHILLELAGH UNION—Medical Officer for Hackelstown and Coolkenno Dispensary District. Salary, £100 per annum, and £15 a year as Medical Officer of Health, with Registration and Vaccination Fees. Election on the 23rd instant.

SHILLELAGH UNION—Medical Officer for Coolattin and Clonegall Dispensary District. Salary, £100 per annum, with £15 yearly as Sanitary Officer, together with Registration and Vaccination Fees. Election on the 19th instant.

\*TIVERTON INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY—House-Surgeon and Dispenser. Salary, £100 per annum, with furnished apartments, coals, gas, and attendance.

TULLAMORE UNION—Medical Officer for Clara Dispensary District. Salary, £100 per annum, and £15 as Medical Officer of Health, with Registration and Vaccination Fees. Election on the 24th instant.

\*VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN—Medical and Surgical Registrar. Applications on or before September 20th.

WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL—Pathologist and Curator of the Museum. Remuneration, £52:10 per annum. Applications on or before September 13th.

\*WEST SUSSEX, EAST HANTS, and CHICHESTER INFIRMARY—House-Surgeon and Secretary. Salary, £100 per annum.

\*WILLITON UNION, Somerset—Medical Officer for the Porlock District. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications on or before September 22nd.

### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

*The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, is 3s. od., which should be forwarded in stamps with the announcements.*

#### BIRTHS.

GAIRDNER.—At 9, College, Glasgow, on September 7th, the wife of \*W. T. Gairdner, M.D., of a daughter.

ROBERTSON.—On September 5th, at Bradford, the wife of Fred. F. L. Robertson, M.B., M.R.C.S., of a son.

ROTH.—On September 9th, at Grand Parade, Brighton, the wife of Bernard Roth, F.R.C.S., of a son.

#### MARRIAGE.

MOON—BEGG.—At 12, King Street, Dundee, on September 3rd, by the Rev. H. G. Watt, B.D., of St. Enoch's, David Steele Moon, L.R.C.P. & S., Dundee, to Margaret Elder, only daughter of the late Dr. Begg, Dundee.

#### DEATH.

BROAD, James, M.D., at Cromwell House, Lamel Grove, Anerley, aged 42, on August 30th.

## 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.

COMMUNICATIONS respecting editorial matters should be addressed to the Editor, 161, Strand, W.C., London; those concerning business matters, non-delivery of the JOURNAL, etc., should be addressed to the General Manager, at the Office, 161, Strand, W.C., London.

AUTHORS desiring reprints of their articles published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, are requested to communicate beforehand with the General Secretary and Manager, 161, Strand, W.C.

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.

## PLASTER-OF-PARIS AND FELT APPARATUS.

SIR,—Some remarks of mine at the Cork meeting are incorrectly reported in the JOURNAL of this date. I did not say that I found it difficult to apply the plaster-of-Paris jacket, or that it was affected by heat. I did say that I had tried the new plastic jacket introduced by Mr. Cocking, and that I found this latter unsatisfactory, because it was affected by the heat of the body. I tried it, however, in one case only, and the experience of others may be different. It seems to me that, where "setting" depends on alteration of temperature, the above ought to be the result. Kindly insert this.—Yours, etc.,

THOMAS LAFFAN.

Cashel, August 31st, 1879.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.—Advertisements for insertion in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL should be forwarded direct to the Publishing Office, 161, Strand, London, addressed to Mr. FOWKE, not later than *Thursday*, Twelve o'clock.

## THE INCUBATION OF MUMPS.

SIR,—In the recent articles on "Mumps", it is stated that the "period of incubation varies from nine to fourteen days". In one case that I remember, the period of incubation was twenty-three days. A boy aged 12 was staying with a friend, who showed symptoms of mumps the day after the first-named one had left. He returned after two days to school, and became affected exactly twenty-three days from the time he had last seen his friend. He was immediately isolated, but several other cases occurred, and, in many of them, the period of incubation extended to nearly twenty days. A lady patient of mine last year had "mumps" for the second time, a previous attack having occurred in 1859. In the first attack, she was attended by a well known and most skilful practitioner.—I am, sir, yours faithfully,

THOMAS FAIRBANK, M.D.

Windsor.

SIR,—Can you, or any member of the Association, tell me of an institution where a strong healthy boy of weak intellect, but by no means idiotic, about 17 years of age, can be taught some occupation, useful or otherwise, or even to read? Or do you know of any private person who could do anything for him in the way of education in some form?—I am, yours truly,

MONDAY.

September 8th, 1879.

DR. ROBINSON (Runcorn).—*Prima facie*, the very strong remarks of the coroner went much beyond what was required. But to what extent they were justified, it is scarcely possible to say without having some knowledge of the witness and of his general conduct and manner of bearing himself.

## A CASE FOR INQUIRY.

SIR,—I think the following case ought hardly to be allowed to pass unnoticed. About three weeks ago, at noon on Sunday, I was called to see a labouring man, who was lying on some straw in a barn. He was apparently suffering from trismus. He was sensible, and kept pointing to his mouth, which was tightly shut, with frothy mucus oozing from between the teeth. When I asked him if he could open his mouth, he shook his head, but could not speak. His pulse was good; and, as he did not appear to be in any immediate danger, I ordered him to be removed to the union, five miles off, and sent for a fly to take him. One hour later, when the conveyance arrived, the man was found dead.

The Police Superintendent was called, who said he must communicate with the Coroner. He informed the Coroner that the cause of death was unknown, and asked whether he should instruct me to make a *post mortem* examination. The Coroner's reply was, that he did not consider either an inquest or *post mortem* examination necessary. The next day, the Registrar applied to me for a certificate of death, which I declined to give; and the next day but one, the man was buried by the parish authorities.

I may mention that the man was a complete stranger, travelling in search of work, and had got a week's job from a local farmer. Although his wages had been paid on the Friday night previous, his pockets were quite empty; but no inquiry was made as to how or where he had spent it.—I am, sir, yours obediently,

M.R.C.S.

G. L. R., A TUTOR, AND OTHERS.—The result of the recent Arts Examinations at Burlington House for the Diplomas of Fellowship and Membership of the College of Surgeons, will, we are informed, be communicated to the five hundred candidates, if possible, the next or succeeding week.

H. J.—If successful, you can commence your hospital studies in October next.—We never recommend hospitals.—Write to the Secretaries of the institutions named for their regulations.

M.D. (Clapham).—The man was struck off the list of members on his conviction at the Old Bailey.

ERRATUM.—In the JOURNAL of September 6th, page 376, column 1, line 10 from bottom, for "Mr. Reeves's", read "Mr. Keene's".

We are indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news, reports, and other matters of medical interest:—The Western Morning News; The Glasgow Herald; The Manchester Guardian; The Yorkshire Post; The Leeds Mercury; The Cork Constitution; The Coventry Herald; The British Guiana Royal Gazette; The Ceylon Observer; The Wigan Observer; The Peterborough and Huntingdonshire Standard; The Sussex Daily News; The Liverpool Mercury; The Banffshire Journal; The Newport and Market Drayton Advertiser; The North Wales Guardian; 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:—

Dr. H. Macnaughton Jones, Cork; Dr. Waters, Liverpool; Dr. Barnes, London; Dr. Sutherland, London; Mr. G. Pound, Odiharn; M.R.C.S.; Dr. Mac Cormac, Belfast; M.B.; Dr. U. Pritchard, London; Dr. William Roberts, Manchester; Dr. Rabagliati, Bradford; A. J. U.; Dr. Borchardt, Manchester; Mr. Lowndes, Liverpool; Dr. A. Sheen, Cardiff; A Physician; One in the Square; Mr. Henry Pitts, Tue Brook; The Rev. W. Stainer, London; Mr. Davies Colley, London; The Secretary of Apothecaries' Hall; M.D.Ed.; Messrs. Mayer and Meltzer, London; Probitas; Dr. R. Sinclair, Dundee; Dr. Hinds, Birmingham; Mr. F. M. Wright, London; Mr. Royds, Reading; Monday; Mr. R. Roberts, Four Crosses; The Registrar-General of England; Mr. W. Carr, Glasgow; Our Paris Correspondent; Mr. G. Eastes, London; The Registrar-General of Ireland; Dr. F. Barnes, London; Dr. Gairdner, Glasgow; Surgeon-General Crawford, Dublin; Mr. G. Birt, Stourbridge; Mr. H. B. Hodges, Watton, Herts; Dr. Dyce Duckworth, London; Our Glasgow Correspondent; Dr. Drummond, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Country Surgeon; Dr. Baird, Perth; Our Edinburgh Correspondent; Mr. J. S. Johnstone, Gloucester; Our Dublin Correspondent; Dr. Hirschberg, Berlin; M.; Mr. R. E. Power, Portsmouth; Mr. Spence, Edinburgh; Dr. J. Charles, Cork; M.B. London; Mr. Bush, Nottingham; Mr. C. H. Roberts, London; L.R.C.P. London; Dr. Wade, Birmingham; etc.