

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH LONDON DISTRICT.

A MEETING of this district will be held at St. Thomas's Hospital, on Wednesday, December 3rd, at 8 P.M.; when a discussion on Anti-septic Surgery will be introduced by Mr. William Mac Cormac.

H. NELSON HARDY, *Honorary Secretary*.

The Grove, Dulwich, S.E., November 24th, 1879.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.

AN adjourned general meeting of this Branch will be held at the house of the Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, on Saturday, December 6th, to receive and discuss the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the subject of the Education of the General Practitioner of Medicine.

The Chair will be taken by the President, JOHN WOOD, Esq., F.R.S., at 8 o'clock precisely.

ALEXANDER HENRY, M.D.

W. CHAPMAN GRIGG, M.D.

} *Hon. Secs.*

57, Doughty Street, W.C., November 19th, 1879.

NORTH OF IRELAND BRANCH.

A MEETING of this Branch will be held at the Belfast Royal Hospital, on Friday, December 5th, 1879, at 12 o'clock noon.

Members desirous of making any communication to the Branch are requested to communicate with

JOHN MOORE, M.D., *Honorary Secretary*.

2, Carlisle Terrace, Belfast, November 10th, 1879.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SURREY DISTRICT.

THE next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 11th, at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 4 P.M.; Dr. PARSONS SMITH in the Chair. The following papers are promised.

1. Dr. Coles: On Aids during Lingering Labour.

2. Dr. Roper: On Suppuration of the Knee-Joint following an attack of Gout.

3. Dr. H. G. Thomson: On Acute Albuminuria.

4. Mr. Bryant will demonstrate the advantages of his Double Splint in Disease and Injury of the Hip-Joint.

5. Dr. Semon: On the Treatment of Acute and Chronic Laryngitis in Adults.

Dinner will be served at 6 P.M. precisely; charge 6s., exclusive of wine.

JOHN H. GALTON, M.D. Lond., *Honorary Secretary*.

Woodside, Anerley Road, S.E., November 25th, 1879.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.

THE second ordinary meeting of the Branch will be held at the Bristol Museum and Library, on Wednesday evening, December 17th, at half-past seven o'clock; J. BEDDOE, M.D., President, in the Chair.

EDMUND C. BOARD, *Honorary Secretary*.

7, Caledonian Place, Clifton, November 26th, 1879.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH.

A MEETING will be held in the Faculty Hall, on Friday, December 19th, at 3 P.M.

There will be some references made as to the question of Fees in Medico-legal Cases; and a discussion on the Relation of Croup and Diphtheria; introduced by Dr. J. B. Russell, from the statistical point of view.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: NORTHERN DISTRICT.

A MEETING of this district was held at the Myddleton Hall, Islington, on Thursday, November 20th; E. H. CREE, M.D., in the Chair.

Communications.—The following communications were made.

1. Dr. Milner Fothergill read a paper on the Gouty Heart, explaining the signs and symptoms by which it might be diagnosed.

2. Mr. Henry Baker exhibited an ingenious apparatus for the treat-

ment of Talipes. He explained the object of the apparatus from a mechanical and anatomical point of view. Its greatest feature consisted in its being so constructed that pressure upon any given point may be relieved without in any way interfering with the position of the limb, and so preventing ulceration of the skin, a not uncommon trouble with the old form of Scarpa's boot.

CORRESPONDENCE.

RETREATS FOR HABITUAL DRUNKARDS.

SIR,—In reply to the inquiry from "M.D.," "Where are the retreats?" any of the existing establishments may be registered under the Act if they comply with the regulations. Our Society is anxious to promote the establishment of an efficient inebriate home; and such can soon be started if sufficient means be forthcoming. We propose to promote a self-supporting institution for males; to furnish and start such will require £2,000.—I am, sir, yours truly,

STEPHEN S. ALFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Haverstock Hill, N.W., November 25th, 1879.

VACCINATION FROM THE CALF DIRECT.

SIR,—In February 1878, you inserted in your JOURNAL a letter from me, advocating the use of vaccine lymph derived from calves as a substitute for lymph taken from the arms of infants.

My argument was, that there existed a wide-spread impression that the lymph now in use was not so efficient as that used by Jenner and his early followers. This impression arose from the fact that, whereas small-pox appeared during the first forty or fifty years of this century to have been nearly stamped out of Great Britain, there had, during the last twenty years, reappeared amongst us several epidemics of this disease, notwithstanding the fact that ninety-six per cent. of the population had been vaccinated.

My argument was, further, that the natural habitat of vaccinia being the bovine race, this vaccinia had probably deteriorated during eighty years of successive transmission through a foreign soil—the human race.

I also urged that, as there had for many years existed a popular outcry against compulsory vaccination, on the ground that vaccination carelessly performed might possibly convey syphilis, it was inexpedient to enforce this law unless the non-existence of the supposed danger could be guaranteed; and I stated that the only method of vaccination in which the existence of this danger could be demonstrated to be an impossibility, was that in which the lymph used was drawn from animals which could not possibly either receive or convey syphilis.

I have since been engaged, with the assistance of Dr. Wilson and Dr. Warlomont, for nearly two years in distributing a continual supply of calf vaccine lymph to the profession. My calculation is that, during that period, nearly five thousand children and adults must have been vaccinated with the calf-lymph which I have sent out. The demand has been chiefly from London and the large manufacturing towns, such as Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, Bristol, and Bradford; but I have received very few applications from Ireland, and scarcely any from Scotland.

In my correspondence with numerous members of the profession, I have been much struck with the different reports they have sent to me as to their success with the calf-lymph. Some have said: "I have fifty per cent. of failures with your lymph"; others, "I have thirty per cent. failures"; others have said, "I rarely fail"; while a few have said, "I can only occasionally succeed with your lymph".

As I myself have had only one failure in two years in my attempts to vaccinate infants with this lymph, I am compelled to conclude that those who extensively fail must do so from an inexpert use of the material. The knowledge of the best method can be conveyed in a few minutes to anyone who can use his fingers with dexterity.

I would strongly urge on our London hospitals a trial of this lymph; and, should any of them act on this suggestion, it would give me great pleasure to attend at such hospitals, and instruct any gentlemen who may be appointed to perform the vaccinations how to use the large American ivory lancet-point with best effect.

I may add, in conclusion, that it will afford me much pleasure to place at the disposal of any committee of medical men, or any individual medical man seeking information as to details, all the practical results of my experience of the last two years.

12, Great Cumberland Place.

GEORGE WYLD, M.D. Edin.

MEDICAL NEWS.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.—Second M.B. Examination, 1879. Pass List.

[This portion of the list was accidentally omitted from last week's JOURNAL.]

Second Division.

Barker, Frederick Rowland, St. Thomas's Hospital
Beevor, Charles Edward, University College
Dymott, Donald Frederick, University College
Forsbrook, Wm. Henry Russell, Westminster Hospital
Gill, Richard, B.Sc., St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Hayle, Thomas Hahnemann, Owens College and Manchester Royal Infirmary
Hudson, James, University College
London, Alfred Austin, University College and Middlesex Hospital
Maylard, Alfred Ernest, Guy's Hospital
Neale, William Henry, University College
Shain, William Frederick, Liverpool School of Medicine
Taylor, Harold Gilbertson, King's College

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 November 19th.

Barnes, Henry J., Thornhill Crescent
Bernard, A. G. F., Birmingham
Close, Percy, York
Compton, Francis C., L.R.C.P.Ed., Hans Place
Cuffe, E. Meade, Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire
Firth, Robert H., Ware, Herts
Griffith, Edward P., Oakley Square
Gwillim, R. D. H., Marlborough
Hare, F. W. E., Welbeck Street
Henderson, William H., M.D. Kingston, Canada
Humphry, Laurence, B.A. Cantab., Princes Square
Jones, G. H. W., L.S.A., Eckington, Chesterfield
Millican, Kenneth W., Shepherd's Bush
Nicholson, R. W. E. H., Exeter
Penny, William John, Crewkerne
Pollard, Bilton, West Dulwich
Rentoul, Robert R., L.R.C.P.Ed., Lisburn, co. Antrim
Smyth, Sydney, East Worlington, Devon
Swabey, Louis W., Faringdon, Berks

Five candidates were rejected.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, November 13th, 1879.

Jefferson, Arthur John, New Hampton, Middlesex
Liebstein, Herman John, Highbury Hill, N.
Priest, James Damer, Waltham Abbey
Rice, Richard, Little Barrington Vicarage, Burford, Oxon
Thorn, Wm. Hershell Perceval, 87, Harrow Road, W.

The following gentleman also on the same day passed his primary professional examination.

Bertolacci, John Hewetson, St. George's Hospital

The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, November 20th, 1879.

Hackman, Leonard King Havelock, Landport, Hants
Hewitt, John, Leaf Square, Manchester
Munyard, Thomas Guillaume, Coombe Bury, Kingston Hill
Neale, William Henry, 60, Boundary Road, N.W.
Pound, Francis Joseph, Odiham, Hants

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

Bissill, Arthur Kent, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Harvey, Eldon, St. Thomas's Hospital
Moore, Alexander Mathew, Guy's Hospital
Pounds, Thomas Henderson, Charing Cross Hospital
Quicke, William Henry, Westminster Hospital

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

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

THE following vacancies are announced:—

ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL, Cambridge—House-Physician. Salary, £65 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications on or before December 1st.

ARDWICK AND ANCOATS DISPENSARY AND HOSPITAL, Manchester—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 to £120, with apartments and attendance. Duties commence January 1st, 1880.

*BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with furnished apartments, board, and washing. Applications on or before December 1st.

BURY DISPENSARY—House-Surgeon. *Salary, £100 per annum, with apartments, etc. Applications to the Secretary on or before November 29th.

*CARLISLE DISPENSARY—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £90 per annum, with apartments, coal, gas, and attendance. Duties to commence on Dec. 1st.

CENTRAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL—Assistant Surgeon. Applications on or before December 10th.

CITY OF LONDON LYING-IN HOSPITAL, City Road—Consulting Surgeon. Applications on or before December 2nd.

*DURHAM COUNTY ASYLUM—Assistant Medical Officer. Application, with testimonials, stating age, qualifications, etc., to Dr. R. Smith.

*GREAT NORTHERN HOSPITAL, Caledonian Road—Two Physicians. Applications on or before December 4th.

*INFIRMARY FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST—Visiting Physician.

*JERSEY GENERAL DISPENSARY—Resident Visiting and Dispensing Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum, with furnished rooms, attendance, coal, and gas. Duties to commence December 1st.

*LONDON LOCK HOSPITAL—House-Surgeon. Applications on or before December 10th.

NEW BOROUGH ASYLUM, Nottingham—Medical Superintendent. Salary, £450 per annum, with furnished apartments, gas, coals, vegetables, and washing. Applications on or before December 16th.

NORTH-EASTERN HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Hackney Road—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, with rooms, attendance, coals, and gas. Applications on or before December 1st.

SOUTH DEVON AND EAST CORNWALL HOSPITAL, Plymouth—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum, with board. Applications on or before December 22nd.

*UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, London—Professorship of Medical Jurisprudence. Applications on or before January 7th.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

*ADAM, James, M.D., Superintendent of the District Asylum, Caterham, appointed Medical Superintendent of the Crichton Institution and Southern Counties Asylum, Dumfries.

*ARMSTRONG, H. G., M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Assistant-Surgeon to the Royal Berks Hospital, Reading.

CRISP, Thomas, M.R.C.S., appointed Resident Clinical Assistant to the Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest at Brompton.

GRAY, J. Allan, M.A., M.B., appointed Assistant to the Professor of Medical Jurisprudence in the University of Edinburgh, *vice* J. O. Affleck, M.D., resigned.

LUNN, J. R., L.R.C.P., appointed Assistant House-Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital.

MYLES, George, L.R.C.S.E., appointed one of the Visiting Surgeons to Barrington's Hospital, Limerick, *vice* B. Kavanagh, M.D., deceased.

NEWSHOLME, A., M.R.C.S., appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital.

RUTHERFORD, R. L., L.K.Q.C.P., Clinical Assistant in the West Riding Asylum, appointed Assistant Medical Officer in the Durham County Asylum.

SHEPPARD, C. E., M.B., appointed Resident Accoucheur to St. Thomas's Hospital.

WALTERS, J. Hopkins, M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Assistant-Surgeon to the Royal Berkshire Hospital.

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.

BIRTH.

NAPIER.—At Abbey Lands, Dunbar, on November 24th, the wife of A. D. Leith Napier, M.D., of a son.

DEATH.

TAYLOR, Joseph Ogilvie, L.R.C.P.Ed., aged 41, in London, on November 20th.

BRAND'S ESSENCES.—An appeal has been heard before Vice-Chancellor Malins, in an action by T. Duce and J. J. Mason, known in business under the title of Brand and Co., Little Stanhope Street, to restrain Frank Mason from using their name on labels, in selling similar articles to those which constitute the specialities of Brand and Co. The Vice-Chancellor held that the plaintiffs had the only right to use the title of Brand and Co.; and "that the defendant had, from first to last, resorted to trickery and fraud in order to deceive purchasers". This decision was now confirmed, and the defendant was restrained on appeal from using the title of Brand and Co.

PRESENTATION TO MR. C. WILLIAMS.—On Tuesday last, the friends of Mr. Charles Williams, surgeon, of Northwich, met at the Navigation Office, to present him with a testimonial on his retiring from practice. The testimonial consisted of a handsome silver fruit-stand of Greco-Roman pattern, with two silver compotiers to match. The first bore the following inscription: "Presented to Charles Williams by his friends at Northwich, in recognition of his professional ability, and in remembrance of his invariable kindness and attention." The testimonial was presented to him by Mr. Blake, in an appropriate address; and a few highly complimentary words were added by the Rev. A. J. Blencowe, the Rev. R. Marsh, and Mr. Neumann, to which Mr. Williams responded in a most feeling manner.

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 Orthopædic, 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 Orthopædic, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's, 9 A.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., 2; 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; Orthopædic, 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; Orthopædic, 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.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY.—Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Dr. Lichtenberg will show a Splint for Excision of Knee-joint in cases treated Antiseptically; Mr. J. Knowsley Thornton, "Ovariotomy, following Incision, long Drainage, and supposed case of Ovarian Tumour—three cases"; Mr. H. A. Reeves, "On the Treatment of some affections of the Urethra and Bladder in the Female".—Odontological Society of Great Britain, 8 P.M. Professor Flower, F.R.S., "On some recent Specimens of Abnormal Dentition in the Royal College of Surgeons' Museum". Casual communications from Dr. Walker, Mr. F. Canton, and Mr. Van der Pant.

TUESDAY.—Pathological Society of London. Specimens on view at 8 P.M.; Chair at 8.30 P.M. Dr. N. Moore: 1. Calvaria from a Case of Congenital Syphilis; 2. Cancer of Gall-Bladder; Ulceration into Duodenum. Mr. H. Cripps: Enchondroma of the Arm. Dr. W. Ewart: Aneurism of Aorta; Hæmorrhage into Pericardium. Dr. Barlow: 1. Emphysematous Cyst of the Lung, with Atelectasis; 2. Congenital Syphilitic Bone-Disease. Mr. Hutchinson: 1. Supposed Rupture of Roots of Brachial Plexus (living specimen); 2. Two Cases of peculiar Skin-Disease (living specimen).—Card Specimens. Dr. Ewart: Two Specimens of Aneurism at Base of Heart. Mr. Walsham: Myo-sarcoma of Head of Tibia.

WEDNESDAY.—Epidemiological Society of London, 8 P.M. Dr. J. F. Payne: "On Certain Points connected with the late Epidemic of Plague in Russia"; Dr. Norman Chevers, "Notes on the Relapsing Fever of India".—Obstetrical Society of London, 8 P.M. Specimens.—Dr. Godson: Ruptured Fallopian Tube. Dr. Galabin: Menstrual Decidua, etc. Dr. Cleveland: Milk Gelatinous Cord. Dr. Heywood Smith: Uterus removed by Hysterotomy, Ovum Forceps, and other instruments. Paper:—"Report of Experiments on Transfusion of Blood", by Mr. Schäfer.

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.

WHOOPIING-COUGH.

SIR,—I should feel obliged to any member who would kindly inform me if specific treatment can avail in arresting the progress of whooping-cough; and, if so, the remedy most likely to answer.—Yours truly,
November 19th, 1879. F.R.C.S.

CABS FOR COUNTRY PRACTICE.

SIR,—Will some of your correspondents kindly advise me as to the suitability of two-wheeled cabs for general country practice? The roads in this district are good, but moderately hilly. I should be glad to know who is the best maker; and whether horses 15.2 high would be big enough?—I am, sir, your obedient servant,
November 18th, 1879. GENERAL PRACTITIONER.

BATH IN COLD WEATHER.

SIR,—In the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of November 8th, Dr. Edis suggests that those who are not robust enough to take an ordinary cold sponge-bath in cold weather should place their bath, with a little warm water in it, close in front of the basin-stand, then stand in that and sponge themselves with cold water from the hand-basin. I used to follow that plan, but changed it some years ago for a better one, suggested by a non-medical friend. I place my bath close in front of the basin-stand, as Dr. Edis proposes; but instead of putting in warm water, I put in a sheet of cork about fifteen inches square, which can be got from any corkcutter for 2s. 6d., then stand on that and sponge with cold water from the basin. The cork feels warm to the feet in all weathers, and with its help I can enjoy my cold sponge all the year round without the trouble of getting warm water.—I am, etc.,
Houghton-le-Spring, Nov. 24th, 1879. WALTER LYON, M.D.

MR. J. W. DAVIES (Clun, Salop) asks where he could obtain information relative to the preparation of the "temperance tinctures" of Sir James Murray, M.D., of Dublin.

AMERICAN BREAKFAST CEREALS.

SIR,—Attracted by your interesting articles on diet in the JOURNAL, I felt anxious to try the steam-cooked hominy, etc., of the Cereals Manufacturing Company, but can nowhere find the address of the London agency to which I could write. Will you oblige me so much as to send me the address if you know it?—Yours faithfully,
Richmond Lawn, Southsea, Nov. 25th, 1879. JOHN OGILVY, M.D.

* * * We have received so many similar applications, that, to save the trouble of sending private answers, we may say that the London agents of the Cereals Manufacturing Company are H. Gate and Co., 20, Upper Thames Street; the Hull agents are Messrs. White, Son, and Stratton, Commercial Chambers; and that we believe that most large grocers and provision dealers are now supplying them.

MR. J. FARRAR (Morecambe) is thanked for the further particulars which he kindly furnishes of his interesting case, and which we shall publish the record at an early date.

THE MILLERCHIP FUND.

SIR,—Would you kindly acknowledge in your next issue the receipt of a cheque for £2 10s. from Mr. Newton, Honorary Secretary of the Hunts Medico-Chirurgical Society, being the balance, after paying expenses, of the Society?—I am, sir, yours, etc.,
JOS. ROGERS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.

The following were the questions on Surgical Anatomy and the Principles and Practice of Surgery submitted to the candidates at the written examination on the 14th instant, when they were required to answer at least four, including one of the first two, out of the six questions. 1. Describe, in their position, the several parts in relation with the quadratus lumborum. 2. Describe the operation of tying the subclavian artery in the third part of its course. Give the channels through which the collateral circulation would be afterwards carried on. 3. What are the usual complications of scalp-wounds, and the appropriate treatment in each case? 4. What consequences, proximate or remote, may follow a blow upon the perineum? State what would be your early treatment in such a case. 5. Describe the course, symptoms, and treatment of acute inflammation of a superficial bursa. 6. What is the cause of lateral curvature of the spine? Describe the anatomical changes which take place in this affection, the signs of the deformity, and the principles of treatment.

The following were the questions on the Principles and Practice of Medicine submitted to the candidates on the 15th instant. 1. Describe the emphysema of the lungs. How is it produced? on what diseases does it supervene? and what are the symptomatic and other consequences to which it gives rise? 2. Give the chemical and physical characters of gall-stones. Discuss the symptoms which may arise in the progress of a gall-stone from the gall-bladder to the duodenum. And especially consider the effects of obstruction of the common duct directly on the liver and indirectly on the general system. 3. What are the special uses and doses of the following drugs: Sulphuric acid, nitric acid, bicarbonate of potash, acid tartrate of potash, iodide of potassium, sulphate of zinc, nitrate of silver, tincture of senega, tincture of Indian hemp, tincture of nuxvomica, ethereal tincture of lobelia, croton oil, elaterium, tincture of belladonna, and wine of aloes?

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, 161, Strand, London, and not to the Editor.

AN APPEAL.

SIR,—Would you kindly allow me to make an appeal to the readers of your influential JOURNAL on behalf of the widow of a medical man, cut off in the prime of life by fever. He has left a widow and five children (one a cripple), and the total amount they have to subsist on is £46 *per annum*, the proceeds of his life insurance. The eldest son is sixteen, and the youngest eight years old. It is desired to raise a sum sufficient to place one boy at the Epsom College for a year, in the hope that, by the kind help of the governors, he may be elected a foundation scholar at the expiration of the year.

Full particulars of this case will be given to anyone kindly disposed to help, by H. M. Fernie, Esq., Park Green, Macclesfield, and by myself. We shall be most grateful for any kind help.—Believe me, sir, yours very faithfully,

J. P. BARTLETT, Rector of Exbury, Southampton.

PRURITUS ANI.

IN reply to the query of M.D. on this subject, the following answers have been received.

M.D. CANTAB. recommends a trial of the following mode of treatment. It was successful in his hands last year, in a case which had resisted all other modes.
1. Ablution with tepid water to be substituted for the use of paper after defecation.
2. A suppository of a quarter to half a grain of extract of belladonna to be used every night.
3. The bowels to be regulated with a mild laxative, such as the acid tartrate of potash, with confection of senna.
4. A mixture containing small doses of quinine with arsenic two or three times a-day.

Mr. W. PROWSE (Cambridge) has found two remedies of the greatest use in the immediate relief, and ultimate cure, of this affection of the skin. The glycerinum acid carbolic (P.B.) should be carefully applied at bedtime every night; and an ointment—made of calomel, 3i; camphor, 3ss; and six and a half drachms of vaseline—every morning. Stimulants and tobacco-smoke are contraindicated.

A MEMBER says that forty years' experience has taught him that the best local application is a mixture of carbolic acid, 5i, in olive oil, 5i or 3iss, applied with the finger at bedtime, being careful to have the rectum empty, the laden condition of which seems to aggravate the annoyance. In pruritus pudendi, nitrate of silver (five grains to the ounce of distilled water) is a specific, applied with a sponge instead of giving way to rubbing, which only increases the local misery. The lithic acid diathesis seems to be the cause in both cases, and attention should be directed by alkalies, etc., to correct this.

Mr. P. MIALL (Bradford) writes that he can strongly recommend the glycerine of tannic acid, or the lotion made by precipitating compound tincture of benzoin with its bulk of water. But the best application is strong mercurial ointment applied somewhat soapingly at bedtime. One application is enough, for a time at least. In some cases, he has found the following answer better. R Unguenti hydrargyri fortioris 5i; chloroform 3i; adipis benzoati, 5ij; acidi carbolic gr. xv. This must be used every night, and causes a burning, said to be rather pleasant. Oleate of mercury 20 per cent. may be used, instead of blue ointment. For constitutional treatment, he advises hot-air baths, mineral acids after meals, abstinence from pastry, sweets, and other unwholesome diet.

Dr. J. OLIVER (Darlington) suggests the following lotion. Scheele's hydrocyanic acid thirty minims; solution of morphia, 3i; best birdseye tobacco, 3i; water to half a pint. "To be used night and morning, or when necessary."

Mr. JAMES PARTRIDGE.—We know of no good work such as our correspondent asks for, giving a good description of food—fish, meat, etc.—and their appearances in health and disease. We believe, however, that the two papers by Mr. Francis Vacher, Medical Officer of Health for Birkenhead, published in the *Sanitary Record*, are at present the principal sources of reference and information on this subject to medical officers of health. Mr. Vacher's first paper on The Diseases of Animals rendering them Unfit for Man, was published in the *Sanitary Record* of September 27th and October 4th, 1878. His papers on The Diseases of Animals which do not necessarily render them Unfit for the Food of Man, was published in the *Sanitary Record* of June 20th and June 27th, 1879. Reprints may probably be obtained from Mr. Vacher himself.

WHO IS TO BLAME?

A CIRCUMSTANCE, which clearly demands some explanation from the medical practitioner concerned, is reported in a recent report of Mr. Harris Butterfield to the Town Council of Bradford (Yorkshire). Mr. Butterfield reports that scarlet fever is increasingly prevalent throughout the borough, and owing to the very general neglect of precautions against the spread of infection, it is to be feared that the disease will still further extend. In one case, which became known to the medical officer through an anonymous letter, the good intentions of the father of a family were actually frustrated. On visiting the house, three children were found to be suffering from scarlet fever; they were all in the living-room, and were attended to as well as she was able by the mother, who had been recently confined. The parents in vain requested their medical man to procure the admission of the children to the Fever Hospital. On the father himself applying at the hospital, he was furnished with the necessary forms for the signature of his doctor, who, however, refused to take any action in the matter. On the certificate of another medical man, who had seen the cases, the children were at once removed. If the facts be as stated, it is clear that, in this instance, a neighbourhood was put into considerable danger, and the lives of patients imperilled, without, as far as can be seen, the shadow of an excuse. No one with any knowledge of scarlet fever would consider the risk of removing a patient in a properly constructed ambulance to a hospital especially planned and organised for the treatment of infectious disease, as at all comparable with the danger of retaining him in an overcrowded, ill-ventilated apartment, in which cooking, washing, and other household work was performed by a poor woman enfeebled by recent childbirth, who, in addition to the care of her baby, had to be the day and night nurse of three sick children. It was to meet such cases as this that the Fever Hospital of the town was erected; and it is eminently desirable that the public should in every way be encouraged to appreciate more and more the advantages of such an institution.

Mr. JESSE, on behalf of the "Society for the Total Abolition of Vivisection," writes to disclaim any connection with the recent meeting at Peterborough, or with "the persons alluded to by Mr. Erichsen and Mr. Wells" in their letters in the JOURNAL of November 15th. How these antivivisectionists love each other!

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A PRACTICAL HINT.

SIR,—In several cases lately I have had recourse to the use of a cold-water pillow, with very marked benefit, where headache, heat of head, and similar symptoms have prevailed. Any one who has experienced the vain attempt to find any permanent cool place in a feather pillow when desired will at once appreciate the above expedient, which, however, may not occur to every one at the required time.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

WM. WOODWARD, M.D.

Worcester, November 21st, 1879.

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; The Sheffield Daily Telegraph; The Wexford Independent; etc.

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