

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

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. } *Hon. Secs.*
W. CHAPMAN GRIGG, M.D. }

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

SOUTH OF IRELAND BRANCH.

THE next meeting will be held at the Royal Cork Institution on Tuesday, December 9th, at 8 P.M.

The following papers and pathological specimens have been promised.

1. Curious Case of Wound of Eyeball : Dr. H. M. Jones.
2. Case of Poisoning by Laburnum Seeds : Dr. Corby.
3. Case of Puerperal Convulsions : Dr. C. A. Harvey.
4. Treatment of Lupus by Caustics : Dr. P. J. Cremen.
5. Removal of the entire Tarsus : Dr. H. M. Jones.
6. Case of Syphilitic Rupia resulting in Salivary Fistula : Dr. H. M. Jones.
7. Case of Radical Cure of Strangulated Femoral Hernia after Reduction by Taxis : Dr. P. J. Cremen.
8. Case of Convulsions in Typhoid Fever recurring for eight days ; Recovery : Dr. P. J. Cremen.
9. Case of Compound Dislocation of the Ankle-Joint, with Fracture of the Internal Malleolus : Dr. C. A. Harvey.
10. Case of Epilepsy, complicated with Phthisis and Dysmenorrhoea (specimen) : Dr. T. Riordan.
11. Case of Bright's Disease, with Pericarditis (specimen) : Dr. T. Riordan.

P. J. CREMEN, M.D., } *Honorary Secretaries.*
T. G. ATKINS, M.D., }

Cork, December 4th, 1879.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH.

THE third meeting of the Session will be held in the Examination Hall of the Queen's College on Thursday, the 11th instant. The Chair will be taken by the President, Dr. JOHNSTON, at three o'clock P.M.

The following papers are promised.

1. Mr. J. F. West : Sayre's Treatment of Spinal Affections.
 2. Dr. Warden : Case of Talipes Equino-Varus, Contraction of Hand, Webbed Fingers, and Strabismus in the same subject. Operation and After-Treatment by a new Apparatus.
 3. Dr. Saundby : Cardiac Hypertrophy in Renal Disease.
- Members are invited to exhibit Patients, Pathological Specimens, New Drugs, Instruments or Appliances, at the commencement of the meeting.

E. MALINS, M.D., } *Honorary Secretaries.*
E. RICKARDS, M.B., }

December 3rd, 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.

THAMES VALLEY BRANCH.

THE next meeting of this Branch will be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, on Thursday, December 18th, at 5.30 P.M.

The following papers will be read.

1. Dr. Herman : On the Use of Vaginal Anteversion Pessaries.
 2. Dr. Langdon Down : On Some of the Causes of Idiocy.
 3. Dr. Fenn : On Myxoedema ; and will exhibit a Patient.
- The dinner will take place after the meeting, at 7 P.M.

FREDERICK J. WADD, *Honorary Secretary.*

Richmond, Surrey, December 3rd, 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 Lingered Labour.
2. Dr. Roper : On Suppuration of the Knee-Joint following an attack of Gout.
3. Dr. H. G. Thompson : 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.

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.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH : WEST KENT DISTRICT.

A MEETING of this District was held at the West Kent General Hospital, Maidstone, on Friday, November 28th, at 3 P.M. : WM. HOAR, Esq., in the chair.

Paper.—An interesting paper was read by Dr. MONCKTON on some of the Epiphenomena of Albuminuria. This led to a long and animated discussion. Several beautifully prepared microscopical specimens were shown and much admired.

Dinner.—The members and visitors afterwards dined together at the Star Hotel.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRANCH : ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual meeting was held on Tuesday, November 18th, in the board room of the General Infirmary, Gloucester, under the presidency of Dr. WILSON of Cheltenham.

Previously to the meeting, the members of the Association inspected the new offices of the Hospital, by which the entire system of drainage has been carried outside the building, and every communication with a drain has been separated from the wards by passages with free air-currents.

Election of Officers.—Dr. BOND called attention to the difficulties attending the present mode of election of officers ; and the council was instructed to take the matter into consideration and to report upon it.

President-elect.—Mr. T. S. ELLIS of Gloucester was elected president for the ensuing year.

Communications.—The following communications were read.

1. Dr. WILSON read a report of an interesting case of Nervous Disease of a Hystero-Epileptiform Character, occurring in a young student, without any traceable cause.
2. Mr. CRIPPS (Cirencester) brought before the meeting a case of Disease of the Testicle.

3. Mr. ELLIS called attention to the benefit to be derived in cases of Paralysis, even of long standing, from the Injection of Strychnia, and the use of the Continuous Current.

4. Mr. ELLIS also exhibited an Arm-Splint, which he had found of great service, and to the comfort of which the members present were all able to testify.

5. Dr. BATTEN gave the report of a case of Tumour of the Medulla Oblongata, occurring in a foreign sailor in his wards in the Infirmary, with the various symptoms present during the time.

6. Dr. BATTEN brought forward the subject of Hypermetropia as a very common cause of Nerve-disturbance, pointing out the mode of its diagnosis, and illustrating, by many cases, how excessively common these cases were, and how readily, when once recognised, these cases, of long-standing headaches, and giddiness, and upper dorsal spinal curvature, etc., were cured by the use of properly selected spectacles. In fact, so much had he been impressed with the frequency of this cause, that he had for a long time never neglected to examine the condition of the eye in any case of brain-disturbance.

Dinner.—The members afterwards supped together at the Bell Hotel.

MEDICAL NEWS.

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 20th.

Allen, T. W. J., Louth, Lincolnshire (University College)
Bulteel, Marcus H., Stonehouse, Plymouth (St. George's)
Cock, John, South Molton, Devon (Guy's)
Jones, Arthur L., L.S.A., Llandilo, Carmarthen (London)
King, David A., Finsbury Circus (St. Bartholomew's)
Lukis, Charles P., Southampton (St. Bartholomew's)
Maclean, Caird R., M.D. Kingston, Ontario (New York School)
Marsh, Charles J., Yeovil, Somerset (St. George's)
Morse, Thomas H., Lound, near Lowestoft (Guy's)
Pepler, W. H. O. C., West Kensington Park (St. Bartholomew's)
Pilkington, Francis S., Leyland, Lancashire (Guy's)
Rake, Beaven N., Fordingbridge, Hants (Guy's)
Rice, Edward, Stratford-on-Avon (St. Bartholomew's)
Rolston, John R., Stoke, Devonport (Guy's)
Thomas, Walter D., Llanelly, Carmarthen (St. Bartholomew's)
Townsend, Knowlson, L.R.C.P.L., Wellington Road, N.W. (St. Bartholomew's)
Webster, Ridley M., Colebrook Road, N. (Middlesex)
Wooldridge, Leonard C., Bernard Street (Guy's)

Of the ninety-nine candidates examined, six were approved in Surgery, and, when qualified in Medicine, will be admitted members of the College; and twenty-seven candidates, having failed to acquit themselves to the satisfaction of the Court of Examiners, were referred to their professional studies for six months. With this meeting of the Court, the examinations for membership for the present year were brought to a close.

At the half-yearly primary examination for the Fellowship of the College on November 25th, the following gentlemen were reported to have acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of the Board of Examiners; and, when eligible, will be admitted to the pass-examination.

Barlow, John, M.D. Edin., diploma of membership of the College dated November 17th, 1874, of the Glasgow School
Brown, James, L.S.A., May 8th, 1867, Birmingham School
Dale, Frederic, B.A. Cantab. and L.R.C.P. Lond., May 22nd, 1879, St. George's Hospital
Duncan, William Archdeacon, L.S.A., April 22nd, 1879, St. Thomas's Hospital
Finch, Henry, M.D. St. Andrew's and L.S.A., April 11th, 1861, University College
Haig, Alexander, B.A. Oxon., July 28th, 1879, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Taylor, James, L.R.C.P. Lond., January 24th, 1865, Glasgow School
Tidswell, Herbert Henry, April 25th, 1877, St. George's Hospital

The following gentlemen passed on November 26th.

Collins, William J., St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Cutfield, Arthur, Cambridge School
Hardie, James, M.D. Edin., Manchester School
Lewis, William H. P., St. George's Hospital
Lilley, James H., B.A. Cantab., University College
Maitland, Alfred D., University College
Norvill, Frederick H., King's College
Sharples, William H., Manchester School
Turton, James, Charing Cross Hospital
Willis, Arthur K., B.A. Oxon., St. George's Hospital

Fourteen candidates out of the thirty-two examined, having failed to acquit themselves to the satisfaction of the Board of Examiners, were referred to their anatomical and physiological studies for six months.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, November 27th, 1879.

Myers, Arthur Thomas, 3, Bolton Row, W.
Shirreff, William Henry, Edinburgh
Thompson, Charles Emelius, 10, Delamere Street, W.
Wallace, James Robert, Bengal

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

English, Edgar, London Hospital
Talbot, Edward, St. Thomas's Hospital
Trevor, Henry Octavius, St. Thomas's Hospital

KING AND QUEEN'S COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS IN IRELAND.—At the usual monthly examinations for the Licences in Medicine and Midwifery of the College, held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, November 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th, 1879, the following candidates were successful.

For the Licence to Practise Medicine.—Robert Jonathan Baylor, William Henry Bourke, Winthrop Benjamin Browning, Valentine Plunket Dillon, Francis Joseph Doyle, Joseph Langan, Lucas Alfred Middleton, Arthur Patrick O'Connor, Daniel Ryan, Frederick Thomas Skerrett, John Christopher George Staley, and Richard Henry Symes.

For the Licence to Practise Midwifery.—Robert Jonathan Baylor, William Henry Bourke, Abraham Cohen, Valentine Plunket Dillon, Francis Joseph Doyle, Joseph Langan, Lucas Alfred Middleton, Arthur Patrick O'Connor, John Dominic Quin, Daniel Ryan, and Richard Henry Symes.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

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

The following vacancies are announced:—

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

BALKOTHERY UNION—Medical Officer for Workhouse, at a salary of £90 per annum, and £10 yearly as Consulting Sanitary Officer. Residence within five miles of Workhouse. Election on the 15th instant.

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

DUNFANAGHY UNION—Medical Officer of the Cross Roads (Falcargagh) Dispensary District, Gweedore portion. Salary, £100 per annum, with £10 per annum as Medical Officer of Health. Registration and Vaccination Fees. Election on the 17th instant.

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

***HAMPTON PROVIDENT DISPENSARY**—Medical Officer. Applications on or before the 27th instant.

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

***LONDON HOSPITAL**—Medical and Surgical Registrars for 1880. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications on or before the 22nd instant.

***MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL**—Medical Registrar and Surgical Registrar. Applications on or before the 20th instant.

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

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.

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.

BURMAN.—At Bamburgh, on November 21st, the wife of C. Clark Burman, L.R.C.P. Ed., of a daughter.

GILMOUR.—On November 28th, at Hurstbourne Tarrant, Andover, Hants, the wife of John Henry Gilmour, M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A., of a daughter.

PUBLIC HEALTH.—During last week, 4,029 deaths were registered in London and twenty-two other large towns of the United Kingdom. The mortality from all causes was at the average rate of 25 deaths annually in every 1,000 persons living. The annual death-rate was 20 per 1,000 in Edinburgh, 17 in Glasgow, and 31 in Dublin. The annual rates of mortality in the twenty English towns were as follow: Portsmouth 15, Bradford 17, Sunderland 20, Newcastle-upon-Tyne 21, Oldham 22, Brighton 22, Norwich 22, Sheffield 22, Leicester 22, Salford 24, Birmingham 25, Manchester 25, Wolverhampton 26, London 26, Bristol 26, Leeds 27, Nottingham 27, Hull 28, Liverpool 29, and the highest rate 34 in Plymouth. The annual death-rate from the seven principal zymotic diseases averaged 3.9 per 1,000 in the twenty towns, and ranged from 0.5 and 0.7 in Oldham and Wolverhampton, to 5.5 and 5.8 in Leeds and Liverpool, and 7.0 in Plymouth. Scarlet fever showed the largest proportional fatality in Leicester, Nottingham, Bristol, and Newcastle-upon-Tyne; measles in Liverpool, Plymouth, and Leeds. Diphtheria caused 8 deaths in London and 2 in Birmingham. Four fatal cases of small-pox were recorded in London and its outer ring of suburban districts, but not one in any of the nineteen large provincial towns. In London, 1,802 deaths were registered, being 45 above the average, and giving an annual death-rate of 26.0. The 1,802 deaths included 3 from small-pox, 78 from measles, 102 from scarlet fever, 8 from diphtheria, 49 from whooping-cough, 28 from different forms of fever, and 13 from diarrhoea—in all, 281 deaths, which were one above the average, and equal to an annual rate of 4.1 per 1,000. The deaths referred to diseases of the respiratory organs, which in the seven preceding weeks had ranged from 190 to 499, further rose last week to 576, and exceeded the corrected weekly average by 89; 373 resulted from bronchitis, and 153 from pneumonia. Different forms of violence caused 38 deaths; 35 were the result of negligence or accident, including 14 from fractures and contusions, 7 from burns and scalds, 2 from poison, and 7 of infants under one year of age from suffocation. At Greenwich, the mean temperature of the air was 33.2°, and 7.7° below the average. The general direction of the wind was north-easterly, and the horizontal movement of the air averaged 7.8 miles per hour, which was 4.5 below the average. Rain or melted snow was measured on four days of the week, to the aggregate amount of 0.19 of an inch. The duration of registered bright sunshine in the week was equal to 20 per cent. of its possible duration.

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, 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.; 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.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY.—Medical Society of London.—Dr. Gowers will read a paper on, and give Microscopical Demonstrations of, "The Diseases of the Spinal Cord". The Specimens will be on view at the Society's Rooms at eight o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY.—Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society. 8 P.M.: Ballot. 8.30 P.M.: Mr. H. Morris, "On Two Cases of Carcinoma of the Breast preceded by so-called Eczema of the Nipple and Areola"; Dr. Thin, "On Eczema of the Nipple and Cancer of the Breast, the Nature and Mutual Relations of their Morbid Conditions".

WEDNESDAY.—Hunterian Society. 7.30 P.M.: Council Meeting. 8 P.M.: Dr. Herman will exhibit a specimen of "Missed Abortion", and relate a case of "Concealed Accidental Hemorrhage"; Mr. Rivington, "On Two Cases of Aneurism treated by Esmarch's Bandage".

THURSDAY.—Harveian Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Harveian Lecture. Mr. Edmund Owen, "On Certain Practical Points in connection with the Surgery of Childhood".

FRIDAY.—Clinical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Mr. Croft, "Analysis of Forty-five Cases of Excision of the Hip-joint"; Mr. R. W. Parker, "On a New Method of Excising the Hip-joint"; Mr. Pick, "A Case of Subastragaloid Dislocation"; Dr. Lediard will show a Case of Excision of the Hip-joint in an Adult Two Years after Operation.

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.

MR. PEARCE (Plymouth) informs us that his paper "On the Treatment of Consumption", on the appearance of which in a local paper we recently commented unfavourably, was forwarded without his knowledge by the publisher of the *Medical Press* to the *Plymouth Mercury*. We observe, in fact, that the publisher makes in his last number that discreditable avowal, pretending, apparently, that he sees no difference between news paragraphs, which may be harmlessly copied by political daily papers, and communications of a technical character communicated by medical men on the treatment of disease to a medical paper for discussion by their medical brethren.

CABS FOR COUNTRY PRACTITIONERS.

SIR,—In your impression of the 29th ultimo, a "General Practitioner" asks about a two-wheeled cab for country practice. When I was in general practice in the East Riding of Yorkshire, I had a covered cab to seat four people. Nothing I have had since has been so satisfactory; and although this is a very hilly country, I am now having one built for me. My horse is 14.3 high, a strong cob. It has the advantage of having the driver under cover, driving through the open window in front; and when the rain beats in, the windows can be closed and the reins put through a slit over them, in which they work on a roller. The top takes off and makes a comfortable open car. The only requirement is, that you should have a horse which does not need much whip, as it is necessary to open the window to use the whip when the rain necessitates driving with it closed. The car is built and finished like a circular fronted brougham, but the door is behind. The maker is William Roberts, coachbuilder, of Great Driffield; the price is fifty guineas.—Yours truly,
Halifax, Dec. 1st, 1879. THOS. BRITTON, M.D.

SIR,—I should be greatly obliged if any of your correspondents would kindly give me any suggestions in the following case. A young lady, aged 19, has suffered several years from what appears a chronic congestion of the Schneiderian membrane. The membrane looks abraded, but there is no discharge, but fibrinous casts occasionally come away, with a slight staining of blood. In cold weather, and frequently after meals, the end of the nose on the affected side gets very red; there is a dry burning sensation in the nose, and occasionally intense itching. The general health is very good, with the exception of dyspeptic troubles.—Yours obediently, OZÆNA.

POISONING OF INFANTS BY OPIATES.

SIR,—Mr. Good having wisely brought before your notice the report of an inquest held here on the 31st ultimo, and whose communication appears in the JOURNAL for November 22nd, I should like to give a few more details of the case, and when these other facts are known it will be more plainly apparent that the jury returned a wrong and misleading verdict. It is very uncertain what dose of the Godfrey's cordial was given to the infant. A pennyworth was obtained from the druggist for the mother, who took most of it, leaving a little in the bottom of the glass, which she poured into a spoon and gave to the baby. The nurse who gave evidence at the inquest said there would not be more than four drops in the spoon; but four drops were not actually measured by dropping. The nurse is aged, and by the meagre light of a lamp it is very likely she could not have formed a very correct idea as to how much there really was in the spoon, and I should think it most probable that the child had considerably more than four drops.

You will be surprised to learn the strength of this Godfrey's cordial. The druggist in his evidence stated that he made it in the proportion of one ounce of gum opium to the gallon of water and syrup, etc. Now, if all the properties of the opium were abstracted, there would be equal to three grains of opium in one ounce of the cordial; but even supposing only two-thirds were abstracted, there would be two grains of opium in an ounce—an extremely dangerous compound to give to infants.

The coroner summed up in a very clear manner, putting the nature of the evidence plainly before the jury; and if they had only received the enlightenment and instruction from the coroner's summing up which they might have done, they would have returned a different verdict, and not one opposed to his advice. But to show the extraordinary intelligence of the "twelve countrymen", they, after a consultation in private, at first gave their verdict as "Death from natural causes, accelerated by diarrhoea". And upon the coroner explaining that diarrhoea was a natural cause, and that therefore the last three words of this verdict were unnecessary, they agreed to withdraw the words "accelerated by diarrhoea", and let their verdict be recorded as "Death from natural causes". I think that any one knowing the facts of the case will agree with me that there is little doubt the child died from the effects of the narcotic.—I am, sir, yours obediently,

WM. R. SERGEANT, L.R.C.P. & L.R.C.S.Ed.

Croyland, November 24th, 1879.

ERRATUM.—The names of the agents of the American Breakfast Cereals were given incorrectly last week, in reply to Dr. John Ogilvy. We are informed that the names are E. S. Hyett and Co., 210, Upper Thames Street, wholesale agents for London; F. W. Gedge for Bristol; and White, Son, and Stratton for Hull.