

tures will be delivered every Sunday morning; and the first, which was attended by upwards of five hundred students and practitioners, was devoted to "contracture", and to the deformities which it produces in the lower extremities. After having exhibited a certain number of patients presenting the phenomena described, M. Charcot demonstrated a great number of analogous cases by the electric light. The series was terminated by engravings borrowed from the work of Montgeron on the "convulsionnaires" of St. Médard, and representing a young woman declared incurable before and after her "miraculous" cure. M. Charcot, moreover, stated that this case belonged to the list of those of which he had presented the analysis.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRANCH.

THE next meeting will be held, at 7.30 P.M., on Tuesday, December 16th, at the General Hospital, Cheltenham, under the presidency of Dr. WILSON.

The following communications are promised.

1. The Treatment of Hip-joint Disease by the application of Thomas's Splints: Mr. Cardew.

2. Constipation and its Treatment: Dr. Robert Smith.

3. Surgical and Medical Cases of interest.

RAYNER W. BATTEN, *Honorary Secretary*.

Gloucester, December 8th, 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.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH LONDON DISTRICT.

THE adjourned discussion an Antiseptic Surgery will be resumed at St. Thomas's Hospital, on Wednesday, December 17th, at 8 P.M.

H. NELSON HARDY, *Honorary Secretary*.

The Grove, Dulwich, S.E., December 10th, 1879.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: EAST LONDON AND SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT.

THE next meeting of this district will be held at the London Hospital Medical College, on Thursday, the 18th instant, at 9 P.M.; GEORGE WELLER, Esq., in the Chair.

Business.—1. Discussion of Dr. Orlebar's paper on the Treatment of Phthisis.

2. Paper on the Legal Status of Medical Practitioners: Judicial Rulings *versus* Medical Opinions. By R. H. S. Carpenter, L.R.C.P.

A. GRANT, M.D., *Honorary Secretary*.

370, Commercial Road, E., December 11th, 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 Myxodema; 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.

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.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE DISCUSSION ON ANTISEPTIC SURGERY.

SIR,—As a perhaps inevitable result of the publication of the discussion at St. Thomas's within two days of its occurrence, some inaccuracies have crept into the report of my remarks, to two of which I beg your permission to refer.

In speaking of my deaths from blood-poisoning, I am made to state that they amounted to 4.82 per cent. The numbers should have been 0.82 per cent. And the sentence immediately following in the report, "The St. Bartholomew's percentage was 1.44 per cent. of blood-poisoning", should have been as follows: "The St. Bartholomew's percentage of deaths from blood-poisoning was 1.44, or nearly double mine".

The other mistake to which I wish to allude is this. The reporter has made me say of "a surgeon" that "after steeping a piece of liver for some time in spirits of wine, so as to make sure that it was perfectly dead, he gave it to a rabbit, and after some time he killed the rabbit to look what was going on". This is, of course, sheer absurdity; but the fact which I mentioned was, that the German surgeon referred to introduced pieces of liver or some other organ, after prolonged steeping in alcohol, into the abdominal cavities of living rabbits, and afterwards killed the animals at different periods in the hope of ascertaining which element of the living body was chiefly concerned in the substitution of living structures for the dead material, or, in other words, its organisation. For, as I remarked (though the reporter has omitted the statement), it seemed to me scarcely creditable to British surgical science that doubts should still be expressed in this country regarding the occurrence of organisation of catgut or other forms of dead tissue, while our German brethren are investigating the precise nature of the well established process.—Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH LISTER.

London, December 9th, 1879.

ANIMAL VACCINATION.

SIR,—In addition to the many powerful arguments that you bring forward in your able preliminary report in favour of a renewal of animal vaccination, published in the JOURNAL of November 29th, will you permit me to call attention to the fact that the epidemic of 1871-72 gave distinct evidence of the inefficiency of vaccination as it has been practised in England of late? Not only did it kill nearly forty thousand persons—as many, in fact, as in an epidemic before the introduction of vaccination—but it also assumed all the characteristics of an epidemic of small-pox unmodified by vaccination. In proof of this, I forward a small chart showing the course of small-pox in Sweden before and after the introduction of this method, and a similar diagram giving the progress of the disease in England since the commencement of the registration of the causes of death. You will observe that the complaint has never been controlled so thoroughly in England as in Sweden; and, in its latest outbreak in this country, its course compares with the ante-vaccination epidemics of Sweden.

May I also express an earnest hope that the renewal of our lymph-supply may, if possible, be obtained from genuine cases of cow-pox, and not from calves or heifers inoculated from others, or, worse still, vaccinated from the human subject, as in the Lanox method?

As variola in the human subject is to some extent weakened by the fact of inoculation, so, if it be transmitted artificially, so to speak, the cow-pox thus produced will not be the disease that conferred immunity upon Jenner's patients, but will be "a weakened, bastardised disease, inferior in energy to the true vaccine disease" (see Proust, *Traité d'Hygiène*, p. 761).—I am yours sincerely,

ARTHUR RANSOME.

1, St. Peter's Square, Manchester, December 1st, 1879.

SIR,—I regret very much that I have been unable to attend the conference on animal vaccination, in which I have always taken a very warm interest. I notice, in your review of the history of the subject in the JOURNAL, you say very little about Russia. I think, therefore, you may like to refer to a paper of mine (written on my return from St. Petersburg) which appeared in the *St. George's Hospital Reports* for 1875. Relying upon the excellent results obtained there in the Foundling Hospital, I advocated the introduction into England of animal vaccination as a supplementary supply, which would be specially useful in time of panic and pressure upon the vaccine-stations, and also as allaying the alarm which some people have regarding the inoculation of syphilis.—I am yours faithfully,

EDWARD T. WILSON.

Westal, Cheltenham, December 6th, 1879.

MEDICAL NEWS.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.—Second M.B. Examination, 1879. Examination for Honours. [The bracket indicates equality of merit.]—Medicine.

First Class.

Smith, Robert Percy (Scholarship and Gold Medal), St. Thomas's Hospital
Williams, Dawson (Gold Medal), University College
Mackern, George, Guy's Hospital (obtained the number of marks qualifying for a Gold Medal)
{ Gill, Richard, B.Sc., St. Bartholomew's Hospital
{ Pughe, Tialesin Wilim Owen, Liverpool Royal Infirmary and Guy's Hospital

Second Class.

Fuller, Thomas Warberton, Guy's Hospital
Boyd, James Stanley Newton, University College
Bond, James William, University College
White, William Hale, Guy's Hospital
{ Buckell, Arthur Edward, University College
{ Hayle, Thomas Hahnemann, Owens College and Manchester Royal Infirmary
{ Hine, John Edward, University College

Third Class.

{ Herman, George Ernest, London Hospital
{ Taylor, Harold Gilbertson, King's College
Hayward, Thomas Ernest, St. Bartholomew's Hospital

Obstetric Medicine.

First Class.

Smith, Robert Percy (Scholarship and Gold Medal), St. Thomas's Hospital
Fuller, Thomas Warberton (Gold Medal), Guy's Hospital
Gill, Richard, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Sheppard, Charles Edward, St. Thomas's Hospital
Herman, George Ernest, London Hospital

Second Class.

Gabb, James Percy Alwyne, University College
Hine, John Edward, University College
Forsbrook, William Henry Russell, Westminster Hospital

Third Class.

Williams, Dawson, University College
Taylor, Harold Gilbertson, King's College
Buckell, Arthur Edward, University College
Hayward, Thomas Ernest, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Boyd, James Stanley Newton, University College
Pughe, Tialesin Wilim Owen, Liverpool Royal Infirmary and Guy's Hospital

Forensic Medicine.

First Class.

Taylor, Harold Gilbertson (Gold Medal), King's College
Hayward, Thomas Ernest, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Sheppard, Charles Edward, St. Thomas's Hospital

Second Class.

Pughe, Tialesin Wilim Owen, Liverpool Royal Infirmary and Guy's Hospital
Sainsbury, Harrington, University College
Smith, Robert Percy, St. Thomas's Hospital
{ Barling, Gilbert Harry, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
{ Hine, John Edward, University College

Third Class.

Bond, James William, University College
Hayle, Thomas Hahnemann, Owens College and Manchester Royal Infirmary
Maylard, Alfred Ernest, Guy's Hospital
Colquhoun, Daniel, Charing Cross Hospital

B.S. Examination. Pass List.

First Division.

Boyd, James Stanley Newton, University College
Maylard, Alfred Ernest, Guy's Hospital
Pughe, Rhinalt Navalaw ap Joan, Liverpool Royal Infirmary

Second Division.

Bond, James William, University College
Jones, Thomas, Guy's Hospital
Williams, Dawson, University College

B.S. Examination. Examination for Honours.

Second Class.

Jones, Thomas, Guy's Hospital
Boyd, James Stanley Newton, University College

Third Class.

Bond, James William, University College

M.D. Examination. Pass List.

Bury, Judson Sykes, B.S., University College
Carrington, Robert Edmund, Guy's Hospital
Carter, William, LL.B., B.Sc., Charing Cross and St. Thomas's Hospitals
Gadsby, John Topham, B.S., University College
Glyn, Thomas Robinson, St. Thomas's Hospital and Liverpool
Hadden, Walter Baugh, St. Thomas's Hospital
Nicholson, John F. (Gold Medal), St. Thomas's Hospital
Paget, William Smith, Liverpool, and University College
Raine, George Rolph, Guy's Hospital
Smith, Herbert Urmson, St. Thomas's Hospital
Uhthoff, John Caldwell, Guy's Hospital

Logic and Psychology only.

Buchanan, Arthur, Guy's Hospital
Cattle, Charles Henry, Leeds, and University College
Edwardes, Edward Joshua, St. Mary's Hospital
Henderson, George Courtenay, University College
Lubbock, Montagu, Guy's Hospital
Phillips, Sidney Philip, University College
Silcock, Arthur Quarry, B.S., University College
Willoughby, Edward Francis, University College

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.

BALROTHERY 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.

DUNFANAGHY UNION—Medical Officer of the Cross Roads (Falcargh) 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.

GORT UNION—Medical Officer for Ardahan Dispensary District, at a salary of £140 per annum, with £10 per annum as Medical Officer of Health; Registration and Vaccination Fees. Election on the 18th instant.

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

*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.

PORTUMNA UNION—Medical Officer for Workhouse, at a salary of £60 per annum, with £5:10 per annum as Consulting Sanitary Officer. Election on the 20th instant.

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.

CAMPBELL, Patrick E., M.B., C.M., appointed Junior Assistant Medical Officer to the Warwick County Lunatic Asylum, Hatton.

COLLIE, David, M.B., appointed Resident Clinical Assistant to St. Luke's Hospital.

LONDON, Alfred A., M.B., appointed House-Surgeon to the Bristol Royal Infirmary, vice G. Herbert Lilley, M.D., resigned.

SCOWCROFT, J. Edwin, F.R.C.S.Ed., appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Bolton Infirmary.

WHARRY, Arthur, M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed House-Surgeon to the Great Northern 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.

MARRIAGE.

FRANCIS—FOWLE.—On the 10th instant, at St. George's, Hanover Square, by the Rev. John Bennett, assisted by the Rev. W. J. A. Large, M.A., Chaplain to St. Thomas's Hospital, George Philip Francis, Surgeon, Bourton, Dorsetshire, only son of Charles Francis, Esq., of Brecon, South Wales, to Catherine Florence, second daughter of John Fowle, Esq., of South Kensington.

DEATHS.

FOWLER.—On December 5th, at Brighton, after a few hours' illness, Anne Sophia, the beloved wife of Robert Fowler, M.D., of Bishopsgate, E.C., aged 47.—Friends will kindly accept this intimation.

GALTON, Edmund John, Esq., on December 6th, at Brixton Rise, Surrey, in the 74th year of his age.

GOODE.—On the 6th September, at his residence, Friar Gate, Derby, Henry Goode, M.B., late Fellow of Pembroke College, Cambridge, aged 60.

STREET-AMBULANCES.—A street-ambulance of a new description for the use of "run over" cases in street accidents has been presented by the inventor, Lieutenant Maclure, L.S.R.V., to the Society for Preventing Street Accidents and Dangerous Driving. The ambulance can be folded up when not in use, thus occupying no more space than a pole eight feet long. We understand it is the intention of the Society to place one of these ambulances at the Mansion House, Regent Circus, Charing Cross, and other dangerous street-crossings, as it is found that in conveying to the hospitals "run over" cases in common cabs often converts a simple fracture into a more serious injury, owing to the jolting of the vehicle and the unsuitable position of the sufferer.

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, 8.30 P.M. Dr. Cockle (the President), "The Sequel to a Case of Aortic Disease"; Mr. Thomas Bryant, "On the value of Parallelism of the Lower Extremities in the Treatment of Disease or Injury of the Hip-joint, with the best means of securing it"; Professor Forster, "Experiments on the Contamination of Atmospheric Air with the Vapour arising from Arsenical Pigments".

TUESDAY.—Pathological Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Dr. W. Ewart: Extracardiac Aneurysm; Haemorrhage into Pericardium. Dr. Barlow: Emphysematous Cyst of the Lung, with Atelectasis. Mr. Hutchinson: 1. Supposed Rupture of Roots of Brachial Plexus; 2. Two Cases of Peculiar Skin-disease. Mr. Bryce Barron: Congenital Malformation of the Heart. Dr. Miller Ord: 1. Large Gall-stone passed *per anum*, with Remarks on the Structure and Formation of Biliary Calculi; 2. Some Urinary and Intestinal Calculi. Mr. Hulke (for Dr. Silva Lima of Bahia): Specimen of Ainhum. Mr. Brailey: Glioma of Optic Nerve and Brain. Dr. Meredith: Ovarian Cyst, which had repeatedly ruptured during Nine Years. And other specimens.—Specimens exhibited by card: Dr. Coupland: Organs affected by Visceral Syphilis. Mr. James Adams: Cystic Sarcoma of Testis with Enchondroma. Mr. Hulke: Specimens and Drawings of Cancers. Dr. Lediard: 1. United Kidneys; 2. Dislocation of the Hip from Disease.—Specimens on the table by 8 o'clock for inspection.

WEDNESDAY.—Association of Surgeons practising Dental Surgery. 7.30 P.M.: Council Meeting. 8.30 P.M.: Casual Communications.

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".

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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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.

SIR,—Can any of your readers kindly inform me of any private institution or family where some patients of mine can place their little girl, aged six years? She is subject to epileptic attacks (not violent ones), and is a finely developed, healthy, intelligent child, but most mischievous, and difficult to manage. They feel that some special training is required for her to develop her mental faculties, and break her of her mischievous habits, and are anxious to find some place where she will be kindly treated, and at the same judiciously managed. As they have other children, they feel that it is necessary to separate them for their mutual good.—An answer in your paper will greatly oblige.—Yours faithfully, E. M. S.

PRURITUS ANI.

M.R.C.S. writes:—Wear a piece of cotton wool of the size of a walnut or larger at the anus: a few shreds of the wool should be inserted inside the sphincter, and this will be sufficient to retain the whole in its place. A fresh piece must be used after each evacuation. After two years' experience, I can speak most highly of this way of relieving the intolerable annoyance of the pruritus; so long as I wear it I am quite comfortable. For about twelve years, I have been a martyr to the complaint. I had tried different applications and modes of treatment, including most of those recommended in the JOURNAL, and also tried total abstinence, but without effect.

A DISGUSTED MEMBER.—It is difficult to surmise the object of the departing Registrar-General.

BATHS IN COLD WEATHER.

SIR,—As your contemporary remarks, in order to combat the evil consequences of a chill, efforts should be made to restore the vital energy of the nerve centres. As an advocate of preventive medicine, I would suggest that the system should be kept at the highest sanitary pitch possible. The human body as it should be in health being represented by *x*, we should prevent the increase and multiplication on *y* by *z*. To ensure this desideratum combined with open air exercise, I have been in the habit for the last quarter of a century of taking a bath of the temperature as supplied by the cistern, all the year round, up to the neck, and occasionally head under. At one time, I used not to object to break the ice; now, with ten degrees of frost outside, I appreciate the luxury of a gas-fire to look at when in the cold water, and to warm my toes when out of it; but as some of the family prefer the bath a little with the chill off, and as it is always desirable to have a hot bath at hand, if necessary, I have for some time been on the look out for an apparatus to do away with the necessity of hot water pipes from the kitchen boiler, so liable to danger, to get out of order, and not to be available when most wanted. Eureka! in the "Crown Boiler" made by Ewart & Son of Euston Road, 1, Norfolk Square, W. P. HINCKES BIRD, F.R.C.S., S. Sc. Cert. Cam.

SIR,—Will any of your readers kindly inform me, through the medium of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, how it is possible to apply Sayre's apparatus to the spine while the patient is in the recumbent position.—Yours obediently, M.D., Queen's University, December 1879.

FLATULENCE.

SIR,—Can any of your readers suggest a remedy for the following case? A patient, about 40, apparently in perfect health, complains to me of flatulence. He has no dyspepsia, heartburn, water-brash, eructations, sour taste, or costiveness; the liver works well. He has never been but abstemious; but, thinking it might possibly be his small modicum of wine, he has even left off that of late. His appetite is good, and he has no pain; but is distressed by a feeling of tension in the abdomen, particularly about two hours after meals. There is a good deal of tympanites, especially over the course of the colon. I have tried nitro-muriatic acid and nux vomica, carbolic acid, charcoal, assafoetida, and galbanum, and to no effect.—Yours very truly, INQUIRER, December 1879.

MEDICAL ETIQUETTE.

SIR,—Will you kindly give space in your JOURNAL for the insertion of the following case, and oblige me with your opinion concerning it?

Mr. G. holds a policy in an Accidental Assurance Company (the Railway Passengers'), and, having met with an accident, sends for his usual medical attendant (Dr. B.), who pronounces him wholly incapacitated *pro tem*. He therefore applies for the form which has to be filled up and forwarded to the office of the company before he can obtain the weekly allowance to which he is entitled. Mr. —, a neighbouring medical practitioner, happened to be referee for the above company, and, by virtue of his office, as he says, proceeds to the house of Mr. G. (Dr. B.'s private patient), and, contrary to the instructions given by Dr. B. to his patient, insists on removing the dressing from the wound—I suppose with the object of forwarding his opinion on the case to the company. Was Mr. — justified in thus interfering with Dr. B.'s patient without having consulted or otherwise procured Dr. B.'s permission to visit the case? and can the assurance company give Mr. —, as their referee, the right to interfere with another legally qualified medical practitioner's private patient? In any case, was not Mr. — guilty of a breach of medical etiquette? or at least did he not display very bad taste in acting as he did? I am, sir, yours faithfully, M.D.T.C.D.

* * Mr. — ought not to have interfered with the case under any circumstances, without communicating with Dr. B.

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ANIMAL VACCINATION.

SIR,—I am sorry that a pre-engagement will prevent my being present (as I had much wished to be) at the meeting in Chandos Street. Animal vaccination would be a great boon for India generally (it has already become popular in the Bombay Presidency). I was once employed by Government to assist in introducing vaccination in the Hills, and we succeeded in establishing a depot there. The supply was excellent; but the opposition in some quarters was unconquerable. As you are aware, the Hindoos believe that small-pox has been sent by one of their goddesses: they dare not, therefore, fight against it. The Hindoos have, likewise, a religious veneration for the cow. I argued, therefore, that if we could prove to them the identity of small-pox and cow-pox—the former being modified and rendered not only harmless but actually protective by its passage through the cow—we should advance the cause of vaccination. My effort failed. I introduced some variolous matter into the udders of three cows (calves were not available, and hence, perhaps, my failure), but with no results whatever. The opportunities for making these experiments were scanty, and I could not therefore repeat them, nor could I induce my coadjutor (who remained in the Hills after I had left for other duty) to make them. They would only be likely to succeed in a cold climate like that of the hills, or in the cold season in the plains. Cow-pock is not, so far as I know, natural to the cow in India. There was a spurious form of it met with some fifty years ago at, I believe, Moorsheadabad, in the plains, but for protective purposes it was useless. Thanks to the efforts made by successive superintendents of vaccination—especially by Dr. Charles of Calcutta—vaccine virus is now imported into India of excellent quality, and compulsory vaccination is gradually becoming law. But the great thing is to demonstrate to the people the connection that exists between this virus and their holy animal. I am therefore, if only on that account, a warm supporter of animal vaccination, and I fully realise the advantages of it to society at large.—Believe me, very faithfully yours,
CHAS. R. FRANCIS, Surgeon-General (retired).

UNIVERSITY DEGREES IN MEDICINE.

SIR,—In your issue of November 22nd, a correspondent states that only about three or four per cent. of the candidates at the Edinburgh professional examinations are "plucked". That may have been so when "M.D. Edin." graduated, but at present the percentage is very much greater. The Registrar informs me during the last two years the average of failures at the different professional examinations is forty per cent.; in the first and second professional examinations the percentage is nearly fifty per cent.; in the final, rather over thirty per cent., making up the average percentage named. The reason fewer are "plucked" in the final examinations may be easily explained, because by the first and second of the professional examinations the lazy students are weeded out.—I am, sir, yours, etc.,
ALMA MATER.

TRANSIT OF A PIN FROM THE STOMACH TO THE KNEE.

SIR,—In reading Dr. Corbett's interesting case on the journey of a needle from the stomach to the hand, I am reminded of a similar case which came under my notice last summer. On visiting one of my patients, I was asked to look at the servant's knee. I found a small abscess on the inner side, and just above the knee. This I lanced, and immediately a black pin escaped, head foremost. The girl declared it was the pin she had swallowed seven or eight months previously.—I am, sir, yours truly,
Cardiff, October 22nd, 1879.
FRED. EVANS, M.D.

THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE DENTAL ACT.

SIR,—If I am rightly informed, the Dental Act came in force in the beginning of August last. What steps should each qualified person take to prevent the Act from becoming a dead letter? In our town here the chemist still drives a roaring trade in "extracting" and performing all manner of dental work. Your advice as to the necessary steps to put an end to this will oblige yours, etc.,
H.

. The Dental Act provides that "Any person who, not being registered (in the *Dentists' Register*), takes or uses the name or title of 'dentist', either alone or in combination with any other word or words, or of 'dental practitioner', or any name, title, addition, or description, implying that he is registered under this Act, or that he is a person specially qualified to practise dentistry, is liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds, provided that he is not a legally qualified medical practitioner". A private person cannot institute a prosecution for the foregoing offence except with the consent of the Medical Council, or of a Branch Council; but the Medical Council, or a Branch Council, or a medical authority, can institute such a prosecution. In the case cited by our correspondent "H.", the reference would naturally be made to the Scotch Branch of the Medical Council. Another course would be to send a statement of the case or cases to the British Dental Association, that body having undertaken to investigate cases of alleged infringement of the *Dentists' Act*; and, if not otherwise disposed of, to bring them before the Medical Council. Before taking action, it will be well to remember that the *Dentists' Act* does not visit with punishment the mere act of performing dental operations; but it debars unregistered persons from claiming fees for such operations, and punishes them if they hold themselves out as dentists, etc.

AMERICAN MEDICAL GRADUATES.

SIR,—I am anxious to correct an impression that has been conveyed to the profession through your JOURNAL by Dr. H. Junius Hardwicke, that "any body or community of men in the United States can form an University and grant medical degrees". Every such body or community of men has to obtain the sanction of the State legislative authorities before degrees of any kind can be granted; further, no recognised school of medicine in the United States can confer any degree without the consent of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, *alias* the Commissioners of Police, who sign the same. This is what should be in England. There ought to be an University examination and a State examination: the University could be quite distinct from the State; and the diplomas conferred could be marked by such distinctions as "M.D., University of Cambridge", or "M.D., State Examination", which for all practical purposes would be quite sufficient; and in the case of a consultant, the difficulty could be easily overcome by a reference to the *Directory*.

In other respects, the letter of Dr. Hardwicke of the 15th instant is quite correct, although I can assure him that considerable pains are taken in the better class

schools to ascertain whether any gentleman who is applying for admission has gone through the proper amount of study. I can answer for this as far as Dr. Austin Flint, jun., of New York, is concerned, who is the secretary to one of the largest hospitals there.

Dr. Hardwicke appears to imagine that only those who have obtained English as well as foreign degrees in medicine are entitled to registration. This may be all very well; but how are the public to distinguish between an absolute quack and a man who has legitimately studied at a proper medical college, and whose unforeseen circumstances have compelled him to reside in the United Kingdom? It would appear to be the rule to look after oneself alone, and leave the poor striving medical student or assistant, or poor foreign graduate, out in the cold: and when I tell Dr. Hardwicke that often the corporate bodies here have refused to examine a foreign graduate because he has not attended their own lectures, perhaps he will be inclined to sympathise. I myself, a foreigner to all intents and purposes, have striven to direct the attention of the government to the poor underpaid and hard-worked assistant; and this would seem to be a nobler field to follow than the accumulation of distinctions to the names of those who are already recognised in the eyes of the law.—I am, sir, yours, etc.,
AN M.D. OF NEW YORK.

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TYPHOID FEVER AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES: THEIR PROPAGATION BY DRINKING WATER. By **Alfred Carpenter, M.D.**, Croydon; **J. Lane Notter, B.A., M.D.**, Assistant Professor of Military Hygiene in the Army Medical School, Netley; **Edward Ballard, M.D., F.R.C.P.**, London; **Norman Kerr, M.D.**, London; and **R. S. Hudson, M.D.**, Redruth.

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