

MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following members of the College, having undergone the necessary examinations for the Fellowship at the half-yearly meetings terminating on November 29th, were reported to have acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of the Court of Examiners; and, at a meeting of the Council on December 11th, were admitted Fellows of the College.

Andrew, George, L.R.C.P.Lond., Egham, diploma of membership dated January 21st, 1874, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Hensman, Arthur, L.R.C.P.Ed., Harley Street, November 14th, 1866, University College
Johnson, John, M.B.Melb., Melbourne, January 31st, 1876, London and Guy's Hospitals
Miller, Richard Shalders, M.B.Lond., L.S.A., Gower Street, August 1st, 1877, University College
Robson, Arthur William Mayn, L.R.C.P.Lond., Leeds, July 21st, 1874, Leeds School

Seven candidates, having failed to acquit themselves to the satisfaction of the Court of Examiners, were referred to their professional studies for twelve months.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, December 4th, 1879.

Baker, William James, Millbrook, Southampton
Harper, Charles Frederick, Stow Market, Suffolk
Jones, William, Aberystwith, South Wales
King, Ernest Edward, Saffron Walden
Redmond, Walker, Grange Loughgall, Ireland
Runnalls, Harry Boyle, New Quay, Cornwall
Stansby, Charles John, 154, Hoxton Street, N.
Walton, Robert Spencer, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire
Williams, William, Lwydcoed, Aberdare

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

McDonagh, James Samuel, University College
Papillon, James William, St. Thomas's Hospital

The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, December 11th, 1879.

Dunlop, Joseph Samuel, Coleraine
Goldney, Arthur Charles Nelson, Shepherd's Bush Road
Lukis, Charles Pardey, Southampton
Wright, Herbert Elliston, Edwardston, Suffolk

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

Steer, William, St. Mary's Hospital
Paine, George Reuben Robins, St. Mary's Hospital

In the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of December 6th, page 919, column 1, "Talbot, Edward, St. Thomas's Hospital", should be "Palmer, Edward Talbot".

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.

BELMULLET UNION.—Medical Officer for Bangor Dispensary District, at a salary of £100 per annum, with £10 yearly as Medical Officer of Health; Registration and Vaccination Fees. Election on the 26th instant.

***BROMPTON PROVIDENT DISPENSARY.**—Medical Officer. Applications, with testimonials, to the Secretary, on or before January 3rd.

BURY DISPENSARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum, with furnished apartments, fuel, and lighting. Applications on or before the 27th instant.

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

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Manchester.—Senior and Junior Resident Medical Officers. Salary, £100 and £80 per annum, with board and residence. Applications on or before December 31st.

***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.

MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.—Assistant to the Ophthalmic Surgeon. Applications, with testimonials, on or before January 3rd, 1880.

MONAGHAN UNION.—Medical Officer for Scotstown Dispensary District. Salary, £120 per annum as Medical Officer, with £15 per annum as Medical Officer of Health, exclusive of Registration and Vaccination Fees. Election on the 30th instant.

DOUGHTERDALE UNION.—Medical Officer for Lettermore Dispensary District. Salary, £100 per annum, £10 yearly for boat hire, £12 per annum as Medical Officer of Health, with Registration and Vaccination Fees. Election on the 31st instant.

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.

***ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.**—Assistant-Surgeon. Applications not later than January 8th, 1880.

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL SOCIETY.—Visiting Physician. Applications on or before January 7th, 1880.

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.

***WORCESTER GENERAL INFIRMARY.**—Third Physician. Applications, with testimonials, not later than January 14th.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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

FREER, Edward L., M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Honorary Assistant-Surgeon to the Birmingham and Midland Orthopaedic Hospital.

MIDDLEMIST, R. P., M.R.C.S., appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons.

***RUGG, George P., M.D.,** elected Medical Officer to the British Home for Incurables, Clapham Road.

BEQUEST.—Mrs. Mary Charlton, late of Priory House, Dudley, has bequeathed £10,000 to the Dudley Guest Hospital, founded by her late brother.

THE HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN, LEEDS.—A bazaar has just been held for the benefit of this charity in the Town Hall, under distinguished patronage and with the aid of a large number of influential stall-holders, and the result has been that close upon £2,000 has been obtained for the purpose of utilising two large empty wards not occupied for want of funds. The Hospital was established in 1854, and has treated 40,000 patients without a single paid officer or assistant.

THE LATE DR. HENRY STEWART.—At a recent meeting of the Managing Committee of the Stewart Institution for Imbecile Children, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "This Committee have heard with the deepest regret of the decease of their late friend and colleague Dr. Henry H. Stewart, who manifested so warm an interest in this institution that bears his name, and is a lasting memorial of his great benevolence and liberality, and they desire to express and have conveyed to Mrs. Stewart their unfeigned sympathy in her bereavement."

PRESENTATION TO DR. CHARLES KEVIN.—Some of the friends of this gentleman in Ballymore and neighbourhood last week presented him with an address and valuable epergne on the occasion of his marriage and removal to Belfast, as a token of their esteem. The address stated that, as medical officer of Ballymore dispensary district, Dr. Kevin had discharged the duties with the greatest fidelity, had striven in every way to relieve suffering humanity—the great object of that honourable profession to which he belonged—and requesting him to accept their gift as a token of their appreciation of his professional services.

SNAKES IN THE SOUTH KONKAN.—An interesting letter on snake-bites is published in the *Asian*, from which we extract the following: "Of all the snaky places, with the doubtful exception of Sind, in the Bombay Presidency, the Ratnagiri, or South Konkan district, is the snakiest; and of all the snakes found therein, the phursa, or *echis carinata*, is by far the most common. With a population of just over a million, the deaths from snake-bite have, for years past, averaged considerably over a hundred. A few deaths are caused by cobras and daboies, but in the great majority of cases the fatal instrument is *echis carinata*. In 1876, of the 153,090 venomous snakes for which rewards were given in the Bombay Presidency, no less than 140,828 were destroyed in Ratnagiri, and of these upwards of 90 per cent. were phursas. In 1872, at a reward of two annas a snake, 115,921 snakes were killed in eight days (December 2nd to 10th). The configuration of the country, consisting of low rugged hills and rocky plateaus, is especially favourable to this species. Near the coast, the uplands are thickly covered with loose laterite boulders; while, further inland, at the foot of the Western Ghats, the laterite is replaced by trap. Under these rocks and boulders the phursas make their habitation, and multiply exceedingly. They are seldom seen by day, not leaving their hiding-places, as a rule, till darkness sets in, and then woe to the shoeless traveller who steps unawares on one. The bite of the *echis* appears to be fatal in about 20 per cent. of the cases. The action of the poison is comparatively slow. The average of sixty-two fatal cases treated at the Civil Hospital gives death in four and a half days, though, in some instances, patients lingered up to twenty days."

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.

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.

FLATULENCE.

SIR,—In reply to Inquirer, I should advise him to try sulphurous acid in forty-minum doses, either during or immediately after meals: if that fail, iodide of potassium in four-grain doses, with tincture of nuxvomica and aromatic spirit of ammonia, might be tried.—I am, yours, etc.,

FLATULENCE.

WE are much obliged to Dr. Fergus Brown for his communication. We have received several copies at different times of the publications of the Antivivisection Society. As a rule, they are so utterly regardless of fact, and so determined to make facts, however adverse, square with their theory, that we avoid controversy with writers so hopelessly prejudiced, so unfaithful, and so violent in the language in which they express their theories and opinions.

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.

COMPOSITION AND QUALITY OF THE METROPOLITAN WATERS IN NOVEMBER 1879.

The following are the returns made by Dr. C. Meymott Tidy to the Society of Medical Officers of Health.

Names of Water Companies.	Total Solid Matter per Gallon.	Oxygen required by Organic Matter.	Nitrogen		Ammonia.		Hardness. (Clark's Scale.)	
			As Nitrates, &c.	Saline.	Organic	Before Boiling.	After Boiling.	
<i>Thames Water Companies.</i>	Grains.	Grains.	Grains.	Grains.	Grains.	Degs.	Degs.	
Grand Junction ..	21.10	0.050	0.180	0.000	0.009	14.3	3.7	
West Middlesex ..	21.50	0.043	0.150	0.000	0.008	14.3	3.2	
Southwark and Vauxhall	22.10	0.048	0.132	0.000	0.008	14.8	3.7	
Chelsea	21.00	0.055	0.144	0.000	0.008	14.3	3.7	
Lambeth	21.50	0.062	0.144	0.000	0.009	13.2	3.3	
<i>Other Companies.</i>								
Kent	28.60	0.039	0.450	0.000	0.002	18.8	7.5	
New River	20.60	0.014	0.138	0.000	0.007	14.8	3.3	
East London	21.50	0.031	0.135	0.000	0.007	15.4	4.2	

Note.—The amount of oxygen required to oxidise the organic matter, nitrates, etc., is determined by a standard solution of permanganate of potash acting for three hours. The water was found to be clear and nearly colourless in all cases but the following, when it was slightly turbid—namely, in that of the Chelsea Company.

THE TITLE OF DOCTOR.

SIR,—I have still no intention of taking a general part in the present discussion relating to the title of "Doctor," as I wish to reserve what I have to say upon the subject for a future occasion. I think it well, however, to point out now, that a fortnight since I stated to you, that the London College of Physicians had no by-law, and that it had no legal right to make a by-law, prohibiting its Licentiates, Members, or Fellows from taking the titles of "Dr." or "Doctor of Physic"; nevertheless, in to-day's JOURNAL, I see a suggestion from a Licentiate of the College that "an humble appeal" should be made to the College to repeal the supposed by-law in question. It is singular to observe what a proneness there is amongst your correspondents to base their arguments upon impressions and opinions instead of upon facts; and we have a notable instance of this in the proposed "appeal" I am now noticing. Had your correspondents had the forethought to ascertain for himself whether there were such a by-law as he imagines, he would have discovered that no such by-law was in existence. As there is, consequently, no ground, as I shall soon show, for this "humble appeal," I would suggest that, instead of it, an association should be formed of the Licentiates of the College, to maintain whatever rights and privileges may belong to them as such Licentiates. I firmly believe, and have cause to say so, that the College would endeavour to uphold, as far as it could do so, any privileges it might consider, or be led to consider, devolved upon them in virtue of their connection with the College. As regards the by-law about which so many of your correspondents have written, I wrote to the Registrar of the College (Dr. Pitman) in September last, maintaining, amongst other claims I was advancing as a Licentiate of the College, that the College had no legal power to make such a by-law as that under discussion; and that, therefore, it would be invalid and useless. The following is an extract from the letter Dr. Pitman wrote to me in reply, and I hope it will be received as an authoritative and satisfactory settlement of this distinct part of the more general question of the right of the Licentiates of the College to use the title of "Dr."

"There is no by-law of the College now in force that has reference to the question of 'titles,' but a resolution was passed in 1876 (April 10th), a copy of which I enclose. You will observe that the resolution is simply declaratory, etc.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

R. H. S. CARPENTER.

130, Stockwell Road, S.W., November 15th, 1879.

SIR,—I should not again have troubled you with any remarks on the title of Doctor, had I not been requested by several friends to reply to Dr. Carpenter's objection, that the evidence adduced applies exclusively to the London College and its diplomates, and is no authority for the Licentiates of the Edinburgh College of Physicians to claim the title.

Unfortunately, I have no documents relating to the Edinburgh College of Physicians; but it is the general opinion that all the three Colleges have much the same powers, except that the London College, by a subsequent Act, has the right to qualify in surgery as well as medicine. Many years ago, I received from the then secretary of the College a distinct assurance that the Edinburgh Licentiates possessed all the privileges of those of the London College. Be this as it may, the right of physicians to the title of doctor rests not on any special powers of any particular college, but upon the fact of their being physicians, and therefore belongs to all physicians alike, be they M.B., L.R.C.P., or Licentiates in Medicine of an University. The founders of the College in London were designated doctors in the Charter, not on the ground of being Fellows of the College, but because they were physicians licensed under 3 Henry VIII by the Bishop of London. All the Inns of Court have the power of making barristers, and these as such become esquires, so all the colleges of physicians make physicians, and these as such become doctors, and have on this ground alone been legally recognised as such. I am, etc.,

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SIR,—In the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of November 15th, it seems to me that your correspondent, "A Member," is decidedly mistaken; as I learned, through the Registrar of the King and Queen's College of Physicians, that the Master of the Rolls (in the case referred to by your correspondent), in giving judgment, held that Licentiates of the King and Queen's College of Physicians had no right to "M.D." after their names, but were not precluded from using the prefix of "Dr."—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

L.K.Q.C.P.I

December 6th, 1879.