

of the day. It has been said that the examiners ought to have been chosen from among the senior and retired medical officers of the Indian army. From that class there might unquestionably have been selected a most respectable Board; but the idea of restricting upon principle the selection to a comparatively small coterie is preposterous, the more especially as prolonged foreign residence ought not to be regarded as a special qualification for testing the abilities and acquirements of the rising generation of medical practitioners. It is evident that the examiners have been selected on the ground of competence and general aptitude for the duty; and without disparagement to any one, it must be added the choice could not have fallen upon a better staff.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

THE MANCHESTER MEETING will be fully reported in our next publication.

ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS. In addition to the papers already announced, the following have been received, and will be inserted as soon as possible.

1. BAYES, William, M.D. A New Form of Astringent Application.
2. PURSELL, John, M.D. Case of Poisoning by the Oil of Bitter Almonds:—Recovery.

NEWS AND TOPICS OF THE DAY.

GENERAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

On entering upon the duties of this office, the President of the Board at once addressed a letter to the Metropolitan Boards of Guardians with respect to the arrangements for preventing, when possible, or mitigating the visitation of, epidemic cholera, now so widely prevalent through London, offering the co-operation of the Board in carrying out the directions issued by the late Board. It will be necessary to bring under skilled and impartial observation the districts of the metropolis where the epidemic prevails. For this purpose, six additional Medical Inspectors have been appointed, who will at once enter upon their duty in relation to the epidemic.

The following are the names:—Dr. Hassall, Dr. King, Dr. Patterson, Dr. Glover, Mr. Walshe, and Dr. Allen. Where Boards of Guardians are found to have neglected the recommendations and directions of the General Board of Health in cases where medical questions must be dealt with, the Board has been empowered to appoint a Medical Council, including some of the most distinguished members of all branches of the medical profession, of whose advice and suggestions the Board may avail itself when necessary. A scientific investigation has also been directed by the Board into the conditions attendant on the epidemic in the metropolis, to embrace both microscopical, meteorological, chemical, and medical branches of inquiry; and the arrangements for the several classes of observations have been already made, or are in progress.

In the parish of St. James, Westminster, where an alarming outbreak of the epidemic has just taken place, the Board has at once directed a house-to-house visitation.

The six inspectors who have been charged to report to the Board of Health on the arrangements made by the Metropolitan Boards of Guardians, have been directed to extend their inquiries to the following subjects:—

- a. 1. The extent of medical relief now existing.
- b. a. Number of medical officers.
- c. b. Number of day and night dispensaries.
- d. c. Number of house-to-house visitors.
- e. d. Measures for arresting diarrhoea in workhouses.
- f. e. Copies of notices issued by guardians.
- g. f. Hospital accommodation and houses of refuge.

"2. Extent of the disease:—

- a. Number of cholera cases.
- b. Number of diarrhoea cases.
- c. Deaths from either under union medical officers. This information to be obtained for a few days back, and tabulated on one of the returns, under the heads of—
 1. District medical officers' cases.
 2. Dispensary cases.
 3. Medical visitors' cases.

"3. Localities affected:—

- a. A list of those where cholera or diarrhoea chiefly prevails, and has hitherto or recently prevailed.
- b. Visit some of the worst localities; inspect them and the houses; converse with the people; ascertain to what extent diarrhoea prevails; and what cleansing measures, lime-whiting, etc., may be required; and whether there be any inspector of nuisances to carry out these measures.
- c. Examine the water supply; and ascertain whether it is taken from the river above or below Chelsea-Reach.
- d. Inquire as to nuisances or noxious trades, and inspect them.

"4. And after inquiry, to report to the General Board of Health:—

- a. On the particulars mentioned above.
- b. On the number of additional dispensaries required.
- c. On the additional medical officers required.
- d. On the additional medical visitors required, stating their number.
- e. Additional inspectors of nuisances or cleansing staff required.
- f. Additional hospital accommodation or houses of refuge required.

INCREASED MEDICAL STAFF OF THE ALLIED ARMIES IN THE EAST. Thirty English medical officers have proceeded to Varna during the past month, and fifty-two are to embark in a few days. The French medical staff has also recently received a large addition.

APOTHECARIES' HALL. PASS LIST:—Thursday, August 31st: Charles Browne, Camberwell; Christopher Gagg, Howden, Yorkshire; Charles Vernon Hitchens, Tiverton, Bath; William Jarrett Lewis, Carmarthen; James Ray, Lincoln; George Stratton Symmons, Witham; James Fitzjames West; Henry Turnor Woodd, Bromley, Kent.

APPOINTMENTS.

[*An asterisk is prefixed to the names of Members of the Association.]

- *WILDE, W. R., Esq., appointed Surgeon-Dentist in Ordinary in Ireland to Her Majesty.

OBITUARY.

[*An asterisk is prefixed to the names of those who at the time of their decease were Members of the Association.]

- *MACFARLANE, Robert, Esq., of Byer's Green, Bishop's Auckland, Durham, aged 38, on August 27. Mr. Macfarlane thrown from his "dog cart" (in consequence of his horse shying) when driving through the village of Spennymoor, on the 26th August, and died on the following day from the injuries which he then sustained. Mr. Macfarlane was greatly respected by his professional brethren and the public.
- SANDON, J. H. B., Esq., Medical Superintendent of the Dorset County Lunatic Asylum, at Faston, near Dorchester, on August 23.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

[*An asterisk is prefixed to the names of Members of the Association.]

- *BAYES, William, M.D. THE TRIPLE ASPECT OF CHRONIC DISEASE. pp. 56. London: 1854.
- CENSUS OF GREAT BRITAIN IN 1851. pp. 200. London: 1854.

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