

Association Intelligence.

REPORT OF MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL,

Held in Birmingham on the 16th instant.

Present:—Sir C. Hastings (in the Chair); Mr. May; Mr. Pemberton; Mr. Wickenden; and Dr. Williams.

The Laws of the South Midland (Bedford and Northampton) Branch were read and confirmed.

The Laws of the East York and North Lincoln Branch were read and confirmed.

Letters were read from Mr. Bartrum, Mr. Kent Jones, Mr. Martin, Mr. Soden, Dr. Ward, and Dr. Wynter.

Statement of accounts was read by Sir C. Hastings.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

1. That the usual grant to the Reform Committee be made.
2. That the Honorary Secretaries be requested to urge upon the consideration of the members of their Branches the subject of the Sale of Poisons, the question of Vaccination, and the advancement of Medical Reform.

3. That the Secretary be requested to lay before the Committee of Council any letters he may receive from members who dispute the justice of the claims made upon them by the Association.

4. That in consequence of the small attendance on the present occasion, the settlement of the question of Dr. Williams' increased remuneration be postponed until the next meeting of the Committee.

CHARLES HASTINGS,
PHILIP H. WILLIAMS.

Worcester, December, 1886.

Medical News.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, AND APPOINTMENTS.

**In these lists an asterisk is prefixed to the names of Members of the Association. That this department may be accurate, ample, and early in its information, the assistance of Members is requested.*

BIRTHS.

- BRIDGEMAN, G. W., Esq., Surgeon, of Margaret Street, Cavendish Square, the wife of—a son, stillborn—on Dec. 16th.
BURNIE, William, M.D., of 18, Guildford Street, Russell Square, the wife of—a son—on December 15th.
COOPE, A. F., Esq., Surgeon, of Surbiton, Surrey, the wife of—a son—on December 18th.
DUKA, Theodore, M.D., Bengal Medical Service, the wife of—a daughter, stillborn—at Monghyr, Bengal, on Oct. 24th.
FINCH, Charles D., M.D., of Tulse Hill, the wife of—a daughter—on December 22nd.
HARVEY, Frederick, Esq., Surgeon H.M.S. *Hogue*, the wife of—a son—at Queenstown, Ireland, on December 13th.
*MORRIS, Edwin, M.D., of Spalding, Lincolnshire, the wife of—a daughter—on December 18th.
*PLOWMAN, Thomas, Esq., Surgeon, of North Curry, Somerset, the wife of—a daughter—on December 17th.
SWETE, Benjamin, Esq., Surgeon, of Stockwell, Surrey, the wife of—a son—on December 20th.

MARRIAGES.

- BIRD—TATE. BIRD, S. Dougan, Esq., late Surgeon-in-Charge of the British Medical Staff attached to H.H. Omer Pasha in Mingrelia, to Catherine Emma, daughter of T. C. Tate, Esq., late of Tulse Hill, Brixton, on December 18th.
FINLAY—ROBERTSON. FINLAY, Hugh, Esq., Liverpool, to Susan Lillias, only surviving daughter of James Hunter Robertson, M.D., of Toronto, at Glasgow, on December 11th.

DEATHS.

- BROUGH, Thompson, M.D., late of Kiltegan, Wicklow, Ireland, at St. Helier's, Jersey, aged 59, on December 13th.
MCVEAGH. On December 15th, in Dublin, aged 31, Louisa, wife of John Francis McVeagh, M.D.

PART. On December 20th, at 7, Camden Road Villas, Camden Town, aged 21, Fanny, eldest daughter of James Part, Esq., Surgeon.

SEMPLER. On December 22nd, at Islington, aged 78, Agnes Sophia, widow of the late Robert Semple, Esq., Surgeon.

MUNIFICENT DONATIONS. Sir Hugh Hoare, of Lillingstone Lovell, has lately transmitted a check for £1,000 to the treasurer of the Bucks Infirmary, at Aylesbury. The worthy baronet some time since also distributed to the medical charities in Wilts and Somersetshire £2,000, and sent 100 guineas to the Medical Benevolent College, which has been established for decayed medical men, their widows and orphans, and which is now in full operation at Epsom. The Hon. P. S. Pierrepont, of Evenly Hall, a few weeks ago sent £1,000 to the Northampton Hospital, as a contribution on his birthday. (*Oxford Journal*.)

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL. The committee at their meeting on Dec. 10th, received notice of a legacy to the hospital of £5,000, free of duty, bequeathed by the late Mr. John Kenyon, of Devonshire Place. This gratifying communication was made to the committee by Mr. James Booth and Mr. Robert Hawthorn, executors of Mr. Kenyon. It is to be hoped that the committee will feel justified in adding this munificent gift to the invested funds of the institution, and trust to other sources for the means of discharging the hospital debt.

EXTRAORDINARY LONGEVITY. Died at the village of Wellbury, North Riding of the County of York, on the 10th inst, in the 110th year of her age, Jane Garbutt, widow. Deceased had been twice married, her husbands being sailors during the old war. For some years she had been maintained by the parish of Wellbury, having her own cottage and a female attendant. The old woman had dwindled into a small compass, but she was free from pain, retaining all her faculties to the last and enjoying her pipe. About a year ago the writer of this notice paid her a visit, and took her, as a "brother piper," a present of tobacco, which ingredient of bliss was always acceptable from her visitors. Asking of her the question how long she had smoked, her reply was, "Very nigh a hundred years!" Such a reply may be useful to those who allege that tobacco is a slow poison.

A STRANGE STORY. The *Courier* of Lyons has the following:—"A young married woman of Colluire, near this city, after being ill for some time, fell one day last week into a complete state of insensibility, and was supposed to be dead. A medical man who was called in gave a certificate of the death, and the young woman was laid out, and in due time fastened up in a coffin. In the night, some women who were sitting up to watch the deceased, heard subdued groans and sighs in the coffin. They fled in dismay; and the neighbours, on hearing their account of the matter, proposed to have the coffin opened, but the husband of the woman would not hear of such a thing, as it would be, he said, a profanation of the dead. The mother of the young woman, however, broke open the coffin with a hatchet, and it then turned out that the young woman was not dead, but had only been in a lethargy. Medical assistance was procured for her, and in a short time she recovered perfect consciousness. She is now going on well."

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

LETTERS and other COMMUNICATIONS for the JOURNAL should be directed to the private address of the Editor, 33, Curzon Street, May Fair.

Members should remember that corrections for the current week's JOURNAL should not arrive later than Wednesday.

TO CONTRIBUTORS. The Editor would feel glad if Members of the Association and others, would cooperate with him in establishing as a rule, that in future no paper for publication shall exceed two pages of the Journal in length. If the writers of long communications knew as well as the Editor does, that lengthy papers always deter the reader from commencing them, this great evil would never arise. Brevity is the soul of medical writing—still more than of wit.

NOTICE.

On account of the publication of the Index, we are obliged to postpone Mr. AMESBURY's letter, and many other interesting Communications.

THE CROYDON CHEMIST for December has been received.

CHIRURGUS should favour us with his name in confidence.

Communications have been received from:—MR. J. W. FLETCHER; MR. J. V. SOLOMON; MR. S. B. ARTHUR; MR. THOMAS HUNT; DR. EDWARD SMITH; MR. PEMBERTON; DR. JEFFS JEFFERSON; MR. A. G. FIELD; DR. JOHN CHARLES HALL; DR. RADFORD; SIR CHARLES HASTINGS; CHIRURGUS; MR. M. S. BARTON; DR. P. H. WILLIAMS; MR. GEORGE ALLEN; DR. E. LYON; DR. RADFORD; DR. PAYNE; DR. J. G. DAVEY; MR. J. I. IKIN; DR. KIDD; and MR. STONE.

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