

Association Intelligence.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Twenty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be holden in Liverpool, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the 27th, 28th and 29th days of July.

President—W. P. ALISON, M.D., F.R.S.E., Edinburgh.

President-Elect—JAMES R. W. VOSE, M.D., Liverpool.

The Address in Medicine will be delivered by EDWARD WATERS, M.D., Chester, President-elect of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch.

The Address in Physiology will be delivered by A. T. H. WATERS, Esq., Liverpool, Lecturer on Anatomy and Physiology in the Royal Infirmary School of Medicine.

PHILIP H. WILLIAMS, M.D., *General Secretary*.

Worcester, April 26th, 1859.

THE MEDICAL COUNCIL.

BRANCH COUNCIL FOR IRELAND.

Wednesday, April 6th, 1859.

Present:—Dr. Smith, in the Chair; Dr. Apjohn, Dr. Williams, Dr. Leet, Dr. Stokes, and Dr. Corrigan; Dr. Maunsell, *Registrar*.

The minutes of last meeting were approved and signed.

The following accounts were examined, and ordered to be paid: viz.—

Mr. Sparks for Office Furniture	£14 12 6
Messrs. Dobbin for Clock	3 10 0
Mr. Morgan for Coals	1 17 6

The Registrar submitted a draft letter to the Registrar for England, respecting the Registration in the English Local Register of Medical Practitioners resident in Ireland, which was approved of.

The Council then proceeded with the examination of the statement, respecting their courses of study and education, returned by the several Colleges and Bodies in Ireland; and it was ordered, that further information should be requested from the Secretary of the Apothecaries' Hall.

It was also directed that copies of the Charters and Acts relating to the educational powers of the several Colleges and Bodies, should be forwarded, with the other documents, to the Registrar for England, for the information of the General Council.

C. H. LEET.

Wednesday, April 13th, 1859.

Present:—Dr. Leet, in the Chair; Dr. Smith, Dr. Apjohn, Dr. Stokes, and Dr. Corrigan; Dr. Maunsell, *Registrar*.

The minutes of last meeting were approved and signed.

Read—Letter from the Registrar for England, the following extract from which was ordered to be entered on the minutes:—

"It has been through inadvertence solely, that John Desmond and A. Hawthorne have been registered here (in London), instead of having been referred, as many other similar applicants have been, to you (the Registrar for Ireland). I beg to return into your hands, therefore, the fees of these gentlemen. "I remain, etc., FRANCIS HAWKINS."

A case for the opinion of counsel prepared by the Executive Committee was read, and ordered to be further considered on Monday next.

C. H. LEET.

Monday, April 18th.

The minutes of last meeting were approved and signed.

Draft case for counsel, setting forth the views of this Council, in reference to the rights of Licentiates in Midwifery of the King and Queen's College of Physicians, and of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, was considered and approved of.

AQUILA SMITH.

Editor's Letter Box.

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH.

SIR,—I take the liberty of requesting your insertion of the following explanations in your next number, as to the design of the Edinburgh College of Physicians in their new regulations for the license. These regulations were, unfortunately, published in a form which has given rise to much misconception, and the publication of which is therefore to be regretted. But I speak from intimate knowledge of the College, when I say that its proceedings have been most completely, though no doubt unintentionally, misrepresented in your leading article of last week.

What the College intend to do, under their new regulations, is this: they intend to recognise as licentiates, for one year from this time, all regular practitioners who shall not "derive a profit from the sale of drugs or medicines", and whose qualifications and character shall be such as to command the votes of two-thirds of the College. The clause which appeared to admit irregular practitioners was intended to be exercised only under the advice of the General Council of Medical Education, and was meant to meet a few very special cases of good foreign qualifications. It was, however, incautiously expressed, and had been, on this account, expunged long before your article was published.

The object of the new regulations may be defined as follows:—The College intend to license the regular "family doctor" by a simple ballot, as a security for character, and subject to the condition that the applicant is not to be a trader in drugs or medicines. What is there in this to merit the hard terms that you have bestowed upon the conduct of the College? Surely it is not for the interest of the profession that the great mass of its members should remain longer under the tutelage of the Apothecaries' Company. But if it is desirable that the general practitioners should no longer rejoice in the name of apothecary, or the magic letters L.S.A., with whom can they become associated, as regards medicine, but with the Colleges of Physicians?

I believe that even the London College is well-nigh prepared to follow this course. But it is difficult to undo in a moment the bad legislation of years; and, having refused to take its proper place as regards the general practitioner in 1815, it finds some difficulty in now meeting the requirements of the age. The Edinburgh College has no such difficulty: in fact, it has always had the door even of the fellowship open to the family doctor, if of sufficient character and professional status. It has never attempted to raise an impassable barrier between the physician and the general practitioner; and in now offering the license of the College to the latter, under fair and reasonable conditions, it is only following out what seems a clear consequence of all its previous policy. It is no secret that Fellows of Colleges and University Graduates have not a monopoly of common sense, or of medical experience; and even if this truth should prove "offensive to the Universities" (which I trust it will not), it is a truth, and, as such, ought to be recognised and acted on by a College which really wishes to do an act of justice to the great mass of the medical profession.

I am, etc.,

A FELLOW OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS
OF EDINBURGH.

Edinburgh, April 25th, 1859.

REGISTRATION FEES.

LETTER FROM C. McARDLE, ESQ.

SIR,—For some weeks past there has appeared in your valuable JOURNAL a notice from the Medical Registration Office, ending thus: "The registration fee for persons not qualified before January 1st, 1859, is £5." The same notice states that persons duly qualified before that time may be registered for a fee of £2. May I request to be informed what is the reason of such difference of payment? It appears to me unjust, unless registration confers a greater boon in one instance than the other. And, again, it is evident that the senior members of the profession could more easily afford a larger fee than those who have but just entered upon it; whilst, from the scale of payment, the contrary would appear to be the case

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, AND APPOINTMENTS.

* In these lists, an asterisk is prefixed to the names of Members of the Association.

BIRTHS.

- BÉGIN, M., formerly President of the Council of Health of the Army, Commander of the Legion of Honour, etc., at Gorrigner, in the department of Finistère, of apoplexy, aged 66, on April 13th.
- CLARK. On April 15th, at Twickenham, the wife of Alfred Clark, Esq., Surgeon, of a daughter.
- DOBSON. On April 23rd, at Highbury Park, the wife of W. Coyle Dobson, Esq., Surgeon, of a daughter.
- DRUITT. On April 19th, at Wimborne Minster, Dorset, the wife of William Drutt, Esq., Surgeon, of a son.
- GLEESON. On Good Friday, at Knutsford, the wife of *Edward Gleeson, Esq., Surgeon, of a daughter.
- STUART. On April 18th, at Woolwich, the wife of W. Stuart, Esq., Surgeon, of a daughter.
- THANE. On April 24th, at 9, Hart Street, Bloomsbury, the wife of George Damer Thane, M.D., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

- BEALE—BLAKISTON. *BEALE, Lionel S., M.B., F.R.S., of 61, Grosvenor Street, London, to Fanny, only daughter of Peyton Blakiston, M.D., F.R.S., of St. Leonard's-on-Sea, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, St. Leonard's, on April 26th.
- FOX—DOYLE. Fox, Wilson, M.D., of Newcastle, Staffordshire, to Emily Anne, daughter of the late Captain Wellesley Doyle, at Cheltenham, on April 20th.
- GOODRIDGE—HOWES. Goodridge, Edward, Esq., son of *John Jackson Goodridge, Esq., Surgeon, of Paignton, Devon, to Emma, widow of James E. Howes, Esq., at Paignton, on April 25th.
- LINDSAY—REID. Lindsay, Wm. Lauder, M.D., of Perth, to Elizabeth, only daughter of the late William Paterson Reid, Esq., Georgetown, Demerara, at Edinburgh, on April 26th.

DEATHS.

- BEVAN, John, Esq., Surgeon, at Aigburth, Liverpool, on March 28th.
- BOURCHIER. On April 18th, at 3, Dalby Terrace, City Road, aged 44, Sophia Festing, widow of John Bouchier, M.D., H.E.I.C.S., Bombay Presidency.
- CARLESS, Henry, Esq., Surgeon, late of Beckenham, at Cudham, Kent, on April 21st.
- DANIEL, Henry, M.D., at 36, Clarges Street, Mayfair, aged 75, on April 19th.
- FINCH. On April 19th, at Blackheath, aged 2 years and 10 months, Leonard, youngest son of Robert Finch, M.D.
- JOHNSTONE. On March 23rd, at Old Square, Birmingham, Maria Mary Payne, wife of *James Johnstone, M.D.

PASS LISTS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS. At the Comitia Majora, held on Saturday, April 23rd, the following gentlemen were admitted Licentiates of the College, under the recently enacted bye-laws:—

- BUDD, Richard, M.D., Barnstaple
 JERVIS, Thomas, M.D., Connaught Square
 OSBORN, Henry, M.D., Southampton
 RUSSELL, James, M.D., Birmingham
 SALL, William, M.D., Army Medical Department
 STEPHENSON, Robert, M.D., Belfast
 WARDELL, John Richard, M.D., Mornington Road, Regent's Park

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS. MEMBERS admitted at the meeting of the Court of Examiners, on Monday, April 18th, 1859:—

- BARTER, Clement Smith, Bath
 BATHO, Robert, Amesbury, Wiltshire
 CANDY, John, Holloway

- DOWNES, Peter, Stockport, Cheshire
 EVANS, Nicholl, Stoke Newington
 FARR, George Frederick, Baldock, Herts
 FELCE, Stamford, Huntingdon
 FRESHFIELD, Allen, Harwich, Essex
 GAYE, Arthur Charles, Minehead, Somerset
 GODFRAY, Charles Le Visconte, Jersey
 HARRIS, John Charles, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire
 HEAD, Robert Turner, East Grinstead, Sussex
 HERBERT, Benjamin Heywood, Edgbaston, Birmingham
 KIRBY, Thomas Charles, Bodicote, Oxfordshire
 MARTIN, Timothy Henry, Merthyr Tydvil
 POLLOCK, Arthur Julius, Queen's Square House, Guildford Street
 RIGBY, James Morris, Chorley, Lancashire
 ROBERTS, Charles, Darlington, Durham
 ROYLE, Arnold, Winchester
 SAUNDERS, George James Symes, Charmouth, Dorset
 STADDON, John Hart, Ipswich, Suffolk
 VAN, Arthur Ferdinand, Northfleet, Kent
 WALES, John, Downham Market, Norfolk
 WILLIAMS, Humphry, Dolgelly, North Wales
 WINTERBOTHAM, Washington Lafayette, Stroud, Gloucestershire

LICENTIATES IN MIDWIFERY admitted at a meeting of the Board, on April 21st:—

- BARRATT, Oglethorpe Wakelin, Birmingham: diploma of membership dated February 11th, 1859
 BOULLAND, Alfred Brocard, Hull: December 13th, 1858
 DYER, John Edward, Islington: May 22nd, 1857
 RAWDON, Henry Greenwood, Liverpool: October 8th, 1858
 STONE, Thomas Westcott Gale, Lincoln's Inn Fields April 11th, 1859

UNIVERSITY AND KING'S COLLEGE, ABERDEEN. The degree of M.D. was conferred on the following, after examination, on April 15th, 1859:—

- BLUNT, George Vernon, Birmingham
 CARDOGO, Samuel, London
 COOK, John Henry, London
 CRONIN, James Denis, Royal Navy
 DALBY, William Thomas, Surrey
 DAVIES, John, Brecon
 DREW, Samuel, Cornwall
 FORESTER, Henry, Barnstaple
 GILL, John French, Dublin
 GRADY, William Grove, London
 HAMMOND, Charles William, Ipswich
 HARKIN, Alexander, Belfast
 HOLMAN, John Ruddall, Royal Navy
 LEE, Charles Alfred, Hull
 MALTBY, John Westbrook, Durham
 MUNROE, Henry, Hull
 NENHAM, Thomas, Winslow, Bucks.
 PATTERSON, Alexander Henry, Bowdon
 POLLOCK, Timothy, Middlesex
 RYAN, George Henry, Dublin
 SARVIS, Thomas, London
 SIMON, George, Aberdeenshire
 STEPHENS, Henry Oxley, Bristol
 STOVELL, Matthew, Bombay Army
 SYKES, George, London
 THORNTON, Peter, Shrewsbury

At the same time, the degree of M.B. was conferred on—
 GRAY, Robert, Aberdeenshire
 RICHARDSON, John, Banffshire

APOTHECARIES' HALL. Members admitted on Thursday, April 14th, 1859:—

- DAVIES, Edward, Llansillin, Denbighshire
 DAWSON, James Edmund, Sedberg, Yorkshire
 DOWNES, Peter, Stockport, Cheshire
 GREGORY, Bradley, Exeter
 HILL, Thomas Johnson, Melton Mowbray
 HORNIBLOW, William Robert, Shipston-on-Stour
 REEVE, John Foster, St. George's Place, Camberwell
 SHARP, Edward, Truro, Cornwall
 SMITH, Charles Swaby, Burbage, Wilts
 SUFFREIN, Benjamin Thomas, Indian Army
 THORNTON, William Terry, Wensleydale, Yorkshire
 WOTTON, Charles, King's Langley, Herts

HEALTH OF LONDON:—WEEK ENDING APRIL 23RD, 1859.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

THE total deaths registered in London in the week ending last Saturday were 1126, and exhibit an increase on those of the previous week, which were 1084. In the ten years 1849-58, the average number of deaths in the weeks corresponding with last week was 1069; but as the deaths returned for last week occurred in a population which has increased, they can only be compared with the average raised in proportion to that increase; namely, with 1175. Hence it appears that the deaths of last week were less by 49 than the number which would have occurred if the average rate of mortality had prevailed.

The deaths from scarlatina and diphtheria rose again last week from 51 to 79. Fifteen from diphtheria occurred in sub-districts, as follows:—St. Paul, Hammersmith, 1; Belgrave, 1; Christchurch, Marylebone, 1; St. John, Marylebone, 2; Regent's Park, 1; South Hackney, 1; St. George, Holborn, 1; London City, north-west, 1; Hackney Road, 1; Mile End Old Town East, 1; St. James, Bermondsey, 1; Rotherhithe, 1; Woolwich Dockyard, 1; and Lee, 1. Only four deaths occurred from diarrhœa.

In Camberwell, at 16 and 17, Queen's Terrace, Neate Street, three girls, all belonging to different families, died between the 16th and 20th inst., from "fever with dysentery". One of the informants stated that the water was impure.

Three persons died last week from intemperance. Eight persons, of whom two were men, and six women, died at the age of 90 years and upwards. Three of the women died at the age of 95, and one at 96 years.

Mr. Druitt, Medical Officer of Health for Hanover Square and Mayfair sub-districts, writing on April 18th, makes the following communication:—"At No. 15, Woodstock Street (Hanover Square sub-district), six deaths have occurred in ten days—viz., a female, phthisis; four children in first floor back, measles and scarlatina; one child in second floor back, from the same, or diphtheria. The house large, lofty, airy, not overcrowded, but of the date 1720, and in a neighbourhood where the drainage is all bad, unless quite new. The basement is pervaded with sewer smell at times, and so is the back room on the ground floor, beneath the rooms in which the five children died. There is also a suspicious water-closet in the centre of the house, used by about fifteen persons. But there is no evidence yet of the entrance of sewer air into the rooms in which the children died. The chief thing to complain of, is that close smell and uncleansed state of walls and ceilings, which even the most respectable and well paid artisans still persist in."

Last week the births of 860 boys and 839 girls, in all 1699 children, were registered in London. In the ten corresponding weeks of the years 1849-58, the average number was 1649.

At the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, the mean height of the barometer in the week was 29.568 in. The barometrical readings varied from 29.34 in. on Wednesday, to 29.72 in. on Saturday. The mean temperature of the week was 41°, which is 5.9° below the average of the same week in 43 years (as determined by Mr. Glaisher). The mean daily temperature was below the average throughout the week, and on the first two days the extent of depression was more than 8°. The thermometer in the shade ranged from 28.5° on Tuesday, the lowest point attained in the week, to 56° on Friday, the highest point in the week. The entire range was therefore 27.5°; the mean daily range was 20.9°. On Friday, the range was 26.3°. The mean temperature of the water of the Thames was 47.7°. The difference between the mean dew-point temperature and air temperature was 9°. The mean degree of humidity of the air was 68. The wind blew generally from the north or north-east. No rain was measured by the gauge.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SOCIETY. On Monday, May 2nd, a paper will be read, "On the Successive Epidemics of Yellow Fever among the Garrison of Bernuda during the last forty years," by Gavin Milroy, M.D., F.R.C.P.

THE KING OF NAPLES. Dr. Manograssi, who is considered a charlatan by his Neapolitan colleagues, is now treating the sick King of Naples. A lotion, which the physician rubs over the whole of his royal patient's body, is said to be distilled from certain herbs, the medicinal qualities of which he discovered some years ago.

THE FIRST PUBLIC DRINKING FOUNTAIN. On Thursday week, the interesting ceremony of opening the first public drinking fountain, was performed by Mrs. Willson, the daughter of the Archbishop of Canterbury, in the presence of a large concourse of people. The fountain is situated at the corner of Giltspur Street and Skinner Street, by St. Sepulchre's Church. Shortly before 3 o'clock, Mrs. Willson arrived at St. Sepulchre's Church, where that lady was received by Lord Radstock (who was accompanied by Lady Radstock and the Hon. Miss Waldegrave), the Rev. J. Jackson (the incumbent), Mr. Harvey, the chairman, and Mr. Potter, the vice-chairman of the West London Union, and a large number of other influential personages. Mrs. Willson was conducted to the fountain, which was uncovered, and displayed a crystal jet of water. She then spoke as follows:—"I am deputed to express the hope of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury and his family that the fountain now to be opened may be only the first among many similar erections, and that the supply thus given of pure water may prove in every respect as beneficial as it must always be agreeable." [Loud cheers.] Mr. Potter then handed to Mrs. Willson a handsome silver cup, which she filled with water, and drank of. Lord Radstock then briefly addressed the assemblage, pointing out the great good that must result from the erection of these fountains; and, on behalf of the association formed for their construction, expressed a confident hope that many people would avail themselves of this cooling draught; and also that it would be the anxious endeavour of all persons to prevent any damage being done to the fountains. The Rev. J. Jackson also made a similar appeal to the public to protect the fountain from damage. The proceedings, which only occupied a few minutes, then terminated, and the company adjourned to the vestry-room, where a very interesting address was presented by a deputation from the butchers of Newgate Market, to Mrs. Gurney, the wife of Mr. Samuel Gurney, M.P., thanking the honourable gentleman for his kindness and liberality in giving the fountain to the public, expressing a belief that the greatest possible benefit would accrue to those engaged in the market from the existence of so great a boon. The assemblage then dispersed, and a number of people partook of the refreshing liquid. It was computed by persons appointed to watch that the average number of drinkers was eight per minute.

ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF ASYLUMS AND HOSPITALS FOR THE INSANE. The President has received official intimation from Dr. Stewart, the Honorary Secretary for Ireland, that the proposed visit of the Association to Dublin, this year, would, for several reasons, be inconvenient. The unsettled state of the Irish legislation in Lunacy renders it, in the opinion of several influential members of the Irish Branch of the Association, desirable that this proposed visit be postponed to a future occasion. The Annual Meeting for 1859, will, therefore, be held at Liverpool, in July, under the presidency of Sir Charles Hastings, D.C.L., on the day previous to the meeting of the British Medical Association in that town. Further particulars of the meeting will be intimated on the cover of the July number of the *Journal of Mental Science*.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

NOTICE.—DR. WYNTER will feel obliged if the Associates will address all Post Office Orders in payment of Subscriptions, to the Publisher, MR. THOMAS JOHN HONEYMAN, 37, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., "Bloomsbury Branch"; and he would also feel obliged by their sending all communications respecting the non-receipt of the Journal, to the same address; as both these matters are out of the province of the Editor.

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

MR. R. WOOD. Apply to Dr. F. H. Woodforde, Taunton.

Communications have been received from:—A FELLOW OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH; DR. JOHN ARMSTRONG; DR. P. H. WILLIAMS; MR. ROBT. JONES; DR. STIRLING; DR. T. INMAN; DR. HUGHES BENNETT; DR. C. W. GRAHAM; DR. LOCKHART ROBERTSON; MR. W. MARTIN; MR. R. WOOD; MR. SOLOMON; MR. W. J. MOORE; MR. G. GREAVES; MR. T. HOLMES; DR. JAMES RUSSELL; DR. WM. HUSBAND; MR. AUGUSTIN PRICHARD; MR. HENRY L. BEVAN; MR. W. COPNEY; and MR. T. M. STONE.