

fearfully; his "takings" having been £40 in Hayle only, in a very short time. There are hundreds of Dr. Goldsworthys infesting both metropolitan and country districts; and we trust that we shall hear of their being as speedily brought to book as we find this redoubtable "Co." has been by our associate the worthy Mayor of Truro.

THE WEEK.

THE judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench, relative to the legality of the election of Dr. Storrar as a Member of the General Council of Medical Education, was given by Lord Campbell on Wednesday last. His lordship, in giving judgment, said the defendant, Dr. Storrar, was elected on November 3rd, 1858, by the Senate, consisting of the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, and Fellows of the London University, and since that time had acted as a Member of the General Medical Council. On the part of the relator, it was said the appointment should not have been made by the Senate, but by all the persons who had been admitted Members of the University, which by the third section of the last charter comprised all those who had been admitted as graduates. There was strong ground for that argument but for the eighteenth section, which provided, that in all matters unprovided for by the charter, it should be lawful for the Senate (consisting of the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, and Fellows) to manage the affairs of the University in such a manner as should be for the welfare of the University. His Lordship said the opinion of the Court was that the Members of the General Council of Medical Education should be appointed by the Senate, under the provisions of the charter; and that the election would thus be more appropriately made than by a body of gentlemen scattered all over England, consisting of Doctors of Laws, and Masters and Bachelors of Arts, etc., a great portion of whom would take no interest in such election. The Court therefore held the election of Dr. Storrar to be valid, and judgment must be given in his favour.—Judgment for the defendant.

We extract from the *Edinburgh Medical Journal* the following decision of a Scottish Sheriff-substitute, in reference to a charge of alleged malpraxis against Mr. Williamson, a surgeon of Annan. The main facts of the case are sufficiently set forth in the document which we quote. A claim for damages rested mainly in the allegation that the death of the patient was caused by defendant's culpable carelessness, neglect, and want of professional skill, in omitting to probe for and extract a piece of wood found in the wound at the *post mortem* examination. We agree with our contemporary, in considering the decision of Mr. Trotter as most just.

"Dumfries, 17th May 1859.

"Having heard parties' procurators on the proofs, and resumed consideration thereof, and whole process, finds—That on the evening of Thursday, the 5th day of June, 1856, the pursuer's (prosecutor's) son Thomas received a lacerated wound in the sole of his left foot; that said wound resulted in a disease known as *traumatic tetanus*, and that the boy died of this disease about half-past six o'clock on the morning of the 12th day of June, aforesaid: finds that the defender was not called in to see said wound until about one o'clock on the afternoon of Saturday, the 7th day of said June, the pursuer's wife having undertaken the sole previous charge and treatment of the same: That when the defender was so called in, the foot was swelled and the wound inflamed; and there was embedded in the wound, beneath the flesh, the piece of splintered wood

produced in process: That defender did not, when so called in, probe said wound with an instrument, or in any other way ascertain the existence in the wound of said piece of wood, nor did he at any time remove or extract the same from the wound: That from the time he was called in, until the boy died as aforesaid, the treatment of the wound was altogether under the charge and at the responsibility of the defender: That there is no sufficient evidence to show that defender's said treatment of said wound was negligent, careless, or unskilful; and, in particular, there is no sufficient evidence to show that his treatment in not probing for, or extracting, said piece of wood, as aforesaid, was negligent or unskilful: Finds that the boy died of *traumatic tetanus* as aforesaid; but that there is no sufficient evidence to show that this disease was induced, or its symptoms aggravated, or its fatal end in any way caused by defender's treatment of the wound in question; and, in particular, that there is no sufficient evidence to show that the existence of the piece of wood in the wound was the cause, either of the disease itself, or of its fatal termination. Sustains the defences; assoilzies (releases) the defender from the conclusions of the action; finds the pursuer liable in expenses; appoints an account thereof to be given in; remits to the auditor to tax the same and report, and decerns (orders payment.)

"(Signed) JOHN P. TROTTER."

At a recent meeting of the Senate of the University of London, it was resolved:—"That it is expedient to receive certificates of medical study and of attendance on hospital practice and clinical instruction from the Cambridge University Medical School and Addenbrooke's Hospital, for the purposes of graduation in medicine"; of which resolution the Secretary of State has signified his approval.

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.

It is particularly requested that all members who propose to read papers will communicate with the General Secretary without delay.

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

Worcester, April 26th, 1859.

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

NAME OF BRANCH.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DATE.
SOUTH WESTERN.	Bath Saloon,	Thurs., June
[Annual Meeting.]	Torquay.	23, 2½ P.M.
MIDLAND.	Board Room, Infirmary, Derby.	Thurs., June
[Annual Meeting.]		23rd, 2 P.M.
SOUTH EASTERN.	New Town Hall,	Wednesday,
[Annual Meeting.]	Dover.	June 29th,
		12 o'clock.
METROP. COUNTIES.		Tuesday,
[Annual Meeting.]		July 5th,
		8 P.M.

[To prevent delay, Reports of Branch Meetings should be sent direct to the office, 37, Great Queen Street.]

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL.

THE Committee of Council will meet at the Queen's Hotel, Birmingham, on Tuesday, June 21st, at One o'clock.

Business:—To arrange the Report of Council, etc., for the Annual Meeting.

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

Worcester, June 13th, 1859.

MIDLAND BRANCH.

THE Annual Meeting of this Branch will be held at Derby, at the Board Room of the Infirmary, on Thursday, June 23rd, at Two o'clock. The annual dinner will take place at the Royal Hotel at Five o'clock.

HENRY GOODE, M.B., *Honorary Secretary*.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH:
ANNUAL MEETING.

THE twenty-third Annual Meeting of this Branch was held at the Board-Room of the Chester Infirmary, on Wednesday, June 8: EDWIN WATERS, M.D., President, in the Chair. There were also present, as members and visitors, E. Bradford, Esq. (Chester); T. Brittain, Esq. (Chester); T. N. Brushfield, Esq. (Chester); J. Burrows, Esq. (Liverpool); W. T. Callon, Esq. (Liverpool); P. Cartwright, Esq. (Oswestry); J. M. Craig, M.D. (Birkenhead); T. Davis, M.D. (Chester); T. Gaskell, Esq. (St. Helen's); Job Harrison, Esq. (Chester); John Harrison, Esq. (Chester); S. T. Jephcott, Esq. (Chester); Ellis Jones, Esq. (Liverpool); John Jones, Esq. (Frodsham); J. K. Lewis, Esq. (Wrexham); W. McEwen, M.D. (Chester); W. H. Manifold, M.D. (Liverpool); G. J. Mansfield, Esq. (Fermanagh Militia, Chester); T. Mather, Esq. (Ashton-in-Makerfield); T. Mellor, Esq. (Manchester); T. R. Mitchell, M.D. (Liverpool); J. E. Moreton, Esq. (Tarvin, near Chester); T. Skinner, M.D. (Liverpool); G. Southam, Esq. (Manchester); S. Stollerforth, M.D. (Chester); A. Stookes, M.D. (Liverpool); H. Swift, M.D. (Liverpool); T. R. H. Thompson, M.D. (Liverpool); G. Turner, M.D. (Stockport); J. Vose, M.D. (Liverpool); G. Walker, Esq. (Birkenhead); A. T. H. Waters, Esq. (Liverpool); G. T. Watson, M.D. (Chester); M. A. E. Wilkinson, M.D. (Manchester); E. Williams, M.D. (Wrexham); W. Williams, M.D. (Mold); G. Wolstenholme, Esq. (Bolton).

Mr. ELLIS JONES, of Liverpool, the President for the past year, having taken the chair, said—The term of my presidency expires now. Permit me to thank you for the honour conferred upon me last year in being elected to preside over so important a section of the British Medical Association as the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch. I have to acknowledge the kindness and assistance I have received on every occasion from the members generally; and I believe I may say that the proceedings of the Branch have been satisfactory during the last twelve months. We have had a considerable increase in the number of members, and altogether a very healthy feeling has been manifested. Allow me to congratulate ourselves on our meeting to-day in this ancient city, where so many eminent men belonging to our noble profession have from time to time resided and practised, with great credit and honour to themselves and advantage to the surrounding country. I may mention the names, as physicians, of Haygarth, Thackeray, Currie, Cumming, Llewellyn Jones; of surgeons, Orrett, Rowlands, Bennett, and many others; and, at the present time, Chester can boast of men of great professional repute and eminence. This institution has been the nursery of a number of first-rate medical men, many of whom are now practising in various parts of the country, and who are men of influence and standing in their various localities. It is my pleasing privilege, on the present occasion, to introduce into this chair as our President, Dr. Waters, a gentleman in every way worthy of the appointment, and one who possesses all the necessary qualifications to conduct its proceedings, not only with credit to himself, but with usefulness to the Association.

Dr. WATERS, having taken the Chair, delivered an Address, which is published at p. 487.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

The following Report was read by Mr. WATERS, the Honorary Secretary.

"In presenting their Annual Report, your Council beg to

express the satisfaction they experience in welcoming the members of the Branch to the ancient city of Chester.

"Since the last anniversary meeting of the Branch in Liverpool, an important change has taken place with reference to the organisation of the profession, by the passing of the Medical Act, which at that time was before the Houses of Parliament. Your Council rejoice that one of the objects for which the Association has so long contended, has been thus partially achieved; but at the same time, they feel that it is of the utmost importance that the working of the measure, which now forms part of the law of the land, should be carefully watched, both with the view of realising for the profession all the advantages to which they are entitled by its provisions, and for the purpose of ascertaining in what respects the Act is most deficient, and in what points it may hereafter require to be amended.

"In consequence of the general desire which seemed to exist for the formation of Registration Societies in connection with the Medical Act, a meeting of the Council was held at Liverpool in November last, and it was decided to convene special general meetings of the members of the Association in Liverpool, Manchester, and Preston. These meetings were well attended, and resulted in the formation of local Registration Societies in the above-mentioned towns. Your Council believe that the formation of these societies has been generally appreciated by the profession. No returns have been received from Manchester and Preston, but with respect to the Society formed in Liverpool, it has been joined by nearly two hundred members of the profession resident in the district which it includes.

"Your Council refer with much satisfaction to the improved position which has been accorded during the past year to their brethren of the Army Medical Department; and they have read with no less gratification the recent warrant issued by the Admiralty, placing the surgeons of the Royal Navy in an equally satisfactory position.

"Your Council rejoice that the affairs of the Parent Association appear to be in a prosperous condition; and they believe they may state that a large accession of members has taken place since the last annual meeting.

"Your Council have much pleasure in congratulating the members on the continued prosperity which has attended the progress of the Branch during the past year. At the last annual meeting, the number of members was 202. Since that time 38 members have joined the Branch; of these, 7 were previously members of the Association, the remaining 31 being new members of both the Association and Branch. The number of members lost during the year from death, resignation, and removal, is 10, leaving an actual increase in the year of 28 members. The present number of members is 230. The Council have much pleasure in pointing to this accession of members, which makes, during the past two years, a total of 78 who have joined the Branch, and an actual increase of 58. They believe this result has been in great measure brought about by the individual exertions of the members themselves; and they consider it a most convincing proof of the popularity of the Branch, and of the appreciation in which it is held by the profession.

"The Council cannot allow this, the first occasion of the meeting of the Branch being held in Chester, to pass by without expressing their approval of the policy inaugurated two years ago, of holding the anniversaries in other towns of this great district besides the two largest ones, Liverpool and Manchester. The successful meeting at Preston in 1857 has been followed by a very satisfactory accession of members from that part of this district; and the cordiality of the invitation given to the Branch to meet in this city promises most favourably for the present gathering.

"The financial statement for the year will be laid before you. [It shows a balance of £17:12:10 in the hands of the Treasurer.]

"In conclusion, your Council would call upon the members not to relax in their exertions on behalf of the Association. They believe that its power and influence are increasing year by year, and that a vast number of questions affecting the well-being of the profession are only to be solved by that moral force which results from a combination such as the Association presents. The interest shown in the meetings of the Branch affords abundant proof of the appreciation in which they are held; and your Council feel that nothing tends more to promote that proper respect for each other, and that feeling of community of interest which should exist amongst the members of an enlightened profession, than these annual gatherings."

Dr. DAVIES (Chester) moved—

"That the Report of the Council now read be adopted and printed, together with the proceedings of this meeting."

Dr. CALLON (Liverpool) seconded the motion, which was carried.

VOTES OF THANKS.

Dr. WILKINSON (Manchester) moved—

"That the best thanks of this meeting be given to Ellis Jones, Esq., the late President; to J. Vose, M.D., and J. Hatton, Esqrs., the late Vice-Presidents; to the Honorary Secretary, A. T. H. Waters, Esq., and to the other members of the Council, for their services during the past year."

Mr. JOHN HARRISON (Chester) seconded the resolution. The gentlemen whose names had been mentioned were so well known, and their services so well appreciated, that there was no need to say a word in support of the motion.

The PRESIDENT put the motion, which was carried.

Mr. MELLOR (Manchester) moved—

"That the best thanks of this meeting be given to the Local Secretaries—J. M. Robinson, Esq. (Bolton); John Sharp, Esq. (Warrington); J. B. Gilbertson, Esq. (Preston); and H. M. Williamson, Esq. (Manchester)—for their valuable services during the past year; and that, with the exception of the last gentleman, who has tendered his resignation, they be requested to continue their appointments."

Dr. TURNER (Stockport) seconded the resolution, which was carried.

The HONORARY SECRETARY said he could speak individually to the valuable nature of the services rendered by the Local Secretaries in many ways. The labours of the General Secretary were much lightened by their active cooperation; and he could not allow the present opportunity to pass without expressing his individual thanks to those gentlemen for their services. The professional duties of Mr. Williamson compelled him to resign the post of Local Secretary, but he had sent the name of a gentleman willing to relieve him of the duties connected with the office.

PLACE OF MEETING IN 1860: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COUNCIL.

Mr. ELLIS JONES (Liverpool) moved—

"That the next annual meeting be held in Manchester; that M. A. E. Wilkinson, M.D., of Manchester, be appointed President-elect; and that George Southam, Esq., of Manchester, and E. Batty, Esq., of Liverpool, be appointed Vice-Presidents-elect."

Dr. STOOKES (Liverpool) seconded the motion, which was carried.

Mr. GASKELL (St. Helen's) moved, Mr. BURROWS (Liverpool) seconded, and it was resolved—

"That, in addition to the President, E. Waters, M.D.; the Vice-Presidents, G. Wolstenholme, Esq., and J. Harrison, Esq.; and the Honorary Secretary, A. T. H. Waters, Esq.,—the following gentlemen constitute the Council for the ensuing year:—E. Batty, Esq. (Liverpool); W. W. Beever, Esq. (Manchester); L. E. Desmond, Esq. (Liverpool); J. Dickinson, M.D. (Liverpool); W. H. Duncan, M.D. (Liverpool); H. Halkyard, Esq. (Oldham); J. Hatton, Esq. (Manchester); Ellis Jones, Esq. (Liverpool); S. D. Lees, M.D. (Ashton-under-Lyne); P. Macintyre, M.D. (Liverpool); G. Mallet, Esq. (Bolton); T. Mellor, Esq. (Manchester); D. Noble, M.D. (Manchester); J. Robinson, Esq. (Bolton); J. Sharp, Esq. (Warrington); J. Southam, Esq. (Manchester); L. Spencer, Esq. (Preston); G. Turner, M.D. (Stockport); T. Vose, M.D. (Liverpool); H. Wilson, Esq. (Runcorn)."

REPRESENTATIVES IN THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

After some discussion as to the question of voting by resolution or by ballot,

Mr. CALLON (Liverpool) moved, and Mr. MATHER (Ashton-in-Makerfield) seconded—

"That the following gentlemen be appointed representatives of the Branch in the General Council:—T. Davies, M.D. (Chester); J. Dickinson, M.D. (Liverpool); J. Hatton, Esq. (Manchester); E. Jones, Esq. (Liverpool); D. Noble, M.D. (Manchester); G. Southam, Esq. (Manchester); L. Spender, Esq. (Preston); A. Stookes, M.D. (Liverpool); E. Waters, M.D. (Chester); H. Wilson, Esq. (Runcorn); G. Wolstenholme, Esq. (Bolton); and A. T. H. Waters, Esq. (Liverpool), Honorary Secretary."

LOCAL SECRETARY FOR MANCHESTER.

Dr. MITCHELL (Liverpool) proposed, Mr. SOUTHAM (Manchester) seconded, and it was carried—

"That J. Thorburn, M.D., be appointed Local Secretary for Manchester, in the place of H. M. Williamson, Esq., resigned."

NEW MEMBER.

The HONORARY SECRETARY proposed Dr. John Watkins, of Warrington, as a member of the Branch, he being already a member of the Association.

Mr. SOUTHAM seconded the motion, which was carried.

MODE OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

It was moved by Mr. BURROWS (Liverpool), and seconded by Dr. STOOKES (Liverpool)—

"That, in future, the election of members of the Branch Council, and of the representatives in the General Council, be made by ballot at the annual meeting."

The resolution was put, and lost.

PAPERS.

The following papers were read:—

1. Case of Stone in the Bladder of a Female. By W. McEwen, M.D.

2. Is Division of the Sphincter Ani always necessary for the Cure of Ulceratio Recti, Anal Abscess, and Fistula in Ano? By T. Skinner, M.D.

3. A New Preparation of Iodine for External Application. By T. R. Mitchell, M.D.

Dr. CRAIG (Birkenhead) moved—

"That the best thanks of this meeting be given to Dr. McEwen, Dr. Skinner, and Dr. Mitchell, for the valuable papers they have read; and that they be requested to forward the same to the JOURNAL for publication."

Mr. BURROWS seconded the motion, which was carried.

A paper on "Facts gleaned from Experience in Practice", had been announced to be read by Dr. G. C. Watson; but he had been prevented from preparing it by a domestic affliction, and was at once excused by the meeting from reading it.

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT.

The President having left the chair, and Mr. John Harrison having been voted into it,

Mr. SOUTHAM moved—

"That the best thanks of this meeting be given to the President for his conduct in the chair; and that he be requested to forward his valuable address for publication to the JOURNAL."

Mr. SWIFT (Liverpool) seconded the motion; which, on being put from the chair, was carried unanimously.

The PRESIDENT thanked the meeting for the vote so heartily passed. With such an orderly assemblage, it was scarcely possible for the President to go wrong. As regarded his address, he should be happy to give it to the JOURNAL, in accordance with the wishes of the meeting. In the meantime, as the present was the first meeting in Chester, it had been arranged that an antiquarian committee should be formed to shew to the strangers the relics of the old city, which bring visitors from all parts of the world.

The meeting then broke up, and many gentlemen, under the guidance of Mr. Brushfield and Mr. J. Peacock, proceeded to visit some of the most striking specimens of city antiquity.

THE DINNER

Took place at four o'clock at the Albion Hotel; EDWIN WATERS, M.D., President of the Branch, in the chair. About forty gentlemen were present.

The CHAIRMAN, after the usual loyal toasts, proposed the "Bishop and Clergy", which was responded to by the Rev. F. Thurland, chaplain to the Chester Infirmary.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN (Mr. John Harrison) proposed the "Army and Navy". Mr. BRADFORD (formerly of the 23rd Regiment) returned thanks for the army; and Dr. HEYWOOD Thomson responded for the navy.

Dr. VOSE proposed "Success to the British Medical Association", coupled with the health of Sir Charles Hastings. Were he to attempt to do justice to the theme, he should detain the meeting far beyond the time at which many of them must leave—as with regard to the Association the subject was historical, with regard to Sir Charles Hastings it was biographical; and although both subjects were absolutely identical, yet they would have to be considered separately, were justice done to their merits. The British Medical Association had been in existence twenty-five years. It really began twenty-seven years ago, by the meeting together of fifty gentlemen in a place of no greater importance than the board-

room of the Worcester Infirmary. They all knew what the Association at present was. At that time it trembled in the balance, its existence was equivocal, and it might succeed, or it might fail. For a number of years it was called the "Provincial Association"; but the present appellation of British instead of Provincial was a great improvement. Whatever might be the intellectual capacity of the gentlemen meeting together, there seemed to be a stigma connected with the term "provincial"; and he could not help thinking that there were many men present who had so distinguished themselves in the medical profession that they did not deserve the slightest stigma, either in terms or in their profession, and he must congratulate the meeting again on the change of name. They were often asked why they should take the trouble to keep up the Association; what good did it do, and why should gentlemen leave their practice to attend the meetings. There was no time for details; but a moment's reflection would show good grounds for leaving their practice for a day to attend meetings at which the principles of their profession were clinched. For scientific purposes it had been of considerable advantage, and he need not remind them at the present moment, when they were rejoicing in medical reform, it was not too much to say that had it not been for the continued energy and watchful eye of that Association, the profession would not have been in the position it was as regards the recognition by the State of their claims. With reference to Sir Charles Hastings, it would be mere empty announcement to say that he was the father, the author of the Association. He had supported it from its infancy until it had attained its present vigorous position. Sir Charles Hastings had received, from many directions, very gratifying recognitions of his talents; and he has taken a high position in all matters relating to the medical profession, without reference to his title. The University of Oxford had conferred on him one of its most honourable distinctions, and in all matters connected with science or literature he stood most favourably in the public estimation. He would, therefore, give as the toast, Success to the British Medical Association, coupled with the health of Sir Charles Hastings.

Mr. CARTWRIGHT proposed success to the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch of the British Medical Association.

Mr. HATTON responded, and stated that although the Branch had done much good, there was much more to be done, and greater benefits would have accrued had the members collectively been more zealous in their exertions.

Dr. DAVIES proposed the healths of Mr. Ellis Jones, the president, and of Dr. Vose and Mr. Hatton, the vice-presidents, of the past year.

Mr. ELLIS JONES returned thanks, urging the present members to try and increase the list of subscribers, by which means machinery could be set in motion which had not been hitherto tried. If the members were increased to two thousand five hundred, or three thousand, the JOURNAL of the Society would be made superior to any medical publication in existence.

Mr. SOUTHAM said he rose to propose the health of a gentleman, which he should have refrained from doing had he not known something of the services rendered by the gentleman as he was about to name to the medical profession, and to this Association. He had attended most of the meetings at great inconvenience to himself, both at Manchester and Liverpool, and had been almost the only representative of the Chester physicians and surgeons at those meetings. He was very pleased to see him in the position he occupied as their President. It was gratifying to all friends of the Association to see such an excellent gathering as they had had that day, and when they considered how much the success of a meeting depended upon the President, they would all heartily respond to the toast he would propose, which was the health of Dr. Waters, their worthy President.

The PRESIDENT said, I rise with great diffidence to return thanks for the kind manner in which my health has been proposed and received. I am aware that in years gone by efforts have been made to get the Branch to meet in Chester, and I believe that on two occasions those efforts fell through. It was, therefore, with some uncertainty that I undertook the task of endeavouring to get the Branch invited to meet in Chester. When, however, I had once embarked on the duty, I was agreeably surprised to find my most ardent wishes more than realised. In the few hours that I devoted to getting up the invitation to them, with the exception of two, the whole profession in the city signed it, and the welcome which the stranger friends have received this day, is due to the unanimity of the profession on the subject of bringing the Branch Meeting to Chester. For my own part, during the few years I have been in Chester, coming

to the city as a stranger, I naturally looked to an Association of this kind as affording the only means for fellowship with my medical brethren. To give you an idea of my position as a stranger when I came to Chester, I will make the confession now, that when I was nominated to the office of Physician to the Chester Infirmary, so unknown was I to the body of governors that my candidature fell through at the last moment from the inability to obtain a seconder. Since then I have spent many happy hours at your Association meetings, and I have derived instruction from the papers read, and from the discussions bearing upon them; I have had the happiness to form acquaintances and friendships which I trust will last through life; which are bright rays lightening the anxious path of duty which the medical man has to pursue; for be he ever so successful in his career he must meet with trials and discomfiture. For the position I fill on the present occasion I feel that I am more indebted to the favourable consideration of my friends than to my own merits; therefore I shall not dilate upon that subject, but I beg to return my sincere thanks for the cordial manner in which you have drunk my health.

Dr. MITCHELL proposed the healths of the Vice-Presidents of the Branch, Mr. G. Wolstenholme and Mr. John Harrison.

Mr. JOHN HARRISON, on behalf of his colleague and himself, returned thanks.

Mr. CALLON proposed the health of the Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. T. H. Waters, who was most assiduous in his labours on behalf of the Association, and who, to show the position he had attained in the profession, the other day received the Fothergillian gold medal, laurels which his subsequent career would only enhance.

Mr. A. T. H. WATERS returned his sincere thanks for the kind manner in which the toast of his friend, Mr. Callon, had been received; and he begged to assure all present that the labour on behalf of the Association was to him a labour of love, and he felt the greatest satisfaction in being connected with the Members of the Association, carrying on the affairs of so influential a Branch, and one which he believed calculated to effect great good. At the present moment, unlike the two great powers who were fighting in the northern part of Italy, the Association was at peace, presenting an aspect with no internal dissensions. They had passed through great dangers, one of the greatest of which was the change of name, and in every expression of Dr. Vose on that subject he most entirely concurred. Since he last had the pleasure of addressing a similar meeting, on a similar occasion, one object to which the Association had devoted attention had been partially attained, and the year 1858 would long be remembered in the annals of the medical profession as being the year which inaugurated the first great step of medical reform, in the shape of the Medical Act; in addition to which they must not forget the recent warrants placing the Army and Navy Surgeons in a better position. Looking at the Medical Bill, it was a progressive step leading to greater reforms; and he thought he should not be far wrong in saying that the British Medical Association was one of the first to sound the note of medical reform; that its persevering efforts, its long-continued exertions, its widely spread influence, and its greatly increasing power, had proved mainly instrumental in the passing of that Act. No doubt that Act possessed faults and defects, but, all things considered, he thought the profession had received as fair a measure of medical reform as they could reasonably expect. One point in the Act he must allude to with congratulation, and that was the appointment, by her Majesty, as a Member of the Medical Council, of the respected head of the Association, Sir Charles Hastings. It was a great point that an Association, supported by no Royal Charter, backed up by no Act of Parliament, should have achieved a position to be recognised by the State, in the appointment of the head of the Association as a Member of the Medical Council provided by government. With regard to the Association, it was never in a more flourishing condition, and during the year a large accession of members had been received. With regard to the Branch, he hoped the members would exert themselves to increase their numbers, and they would go on in a prosperous condition. Begging again to thank Mr. Callon for his kind allusion to a recent honour conferred upon him, and thanking the company for drinking his health in so cordial a manner, he would conclude by proposing the healths of the new members, coupling therewith the name of Dr. Craig.

Dr. CRAIG responded.

The following toasts were then proposed:—"The Visitors and Mr. Brittain," "The Press," "The Gentlemen who had read papers," "The Ladies."

NEW MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The following gentlemen have joined the Association from the commencement of the present year.

- ENGLAND.**
BERKSHIRE.
 Lamb, Arthur, Esq., Hampstead Norris
 Moore, Adam J., Esq., Reading
 Plumbe, Samuel, M.D., Maidenhead
CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
 Ollard, William, Esq., Wisbeach
CHESHIRE.
 Cumming, R. B., M.D., Malpas
 Hamilton, W. T., Esq., Rock Ferry, Birkenhead
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TUESDAY, MAY 24TH, 1859.

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ON SOME OF THE EFFECTS OF PRIMARY CANCEROUS TUMOURS WITHIN THE CHEST. BY GEORGE BUDD, M.D., F.R.S.

THE object of this paper was to call attention to the changes produced in the nutrition of the lung by a primary cancerous tumour involving its root. Primary cancer within the chest usually forms a single compact nodular mass, commonly occupying the mediastinum, and invading, to a greater or less extent, one of the lungs—in the great majority of instances, the right, the other lung remaining uninfected. Dr. BUDD gave the details of three cases of this kind that had fallen under his observation in King's College Hospital, in all of which the tumour involved the root of the right lung. In all these cases, remarkable changes of inflammatory origin were found in the chest. These changes consisted, in the order of their frequency, of—1. Firm adhesion of the lung to the walls of the chest by thickened pleura; 2. Inflammatory condensation of the lung, where it was not invaded by the cancer, proceeding, in all of the cases, to more or less disorganisation of the pulmonary tissue, and the formation of pockets of pus; 3. In one of the cases—the case in which the tumour had attained the greatest size and spread furthest towards the left side—adhesion of the pericardium, and an abundant effusion of lymph on its outer surface.

The extent of change in the lung in the different cases was greater as the tumour was larger, and involved more completely the root of the lung; and in all the cases the left lung was free from adhesions, and presented no other changes than those which resulted from recent congestion. The question was then discussed, how these changes of inflammatory origin were caused; and from a review of the circumstances of the cases, the author considered it most probable that they resulted from the tumour involving and destroying all or great part of

The little roll of the London College of Physicians may perhaps be regarded in this double light: and to a certain extent the list of "resident" Fellows of the Edinburgh College may also be so accepted. The wholesale manufacture of "non-resident" Fellows and Licentiates has, however, so damaged the *prestige* of the Edinburgh College as to cast a slur upon all its titles. This slur can only be removed by the expurgation of its recent lists, and the limitation for the future of its honours to persons regarding whom the body of its Fellows have means of judging. It is an ugly fact that the Edinburgh College is at present drawing its recruits almost exclusively from persons living in England, and not known in Edinburgh for good or for evil.

I should like to know whether Dr. Godfrey, whose conduct has lately been under scrutiny in our courts of law, was or was not recently elected a Fellow of the Edinburgh College of Physicians; and, if so, why the fact was not used as evidence of character at one or both of the trials?

I trust that the suggestion I have made in this letter may not be lost sight of. It is an ardent wish of many, I believe, to make the register as much as possible a depository of evidence of general respectability as well as of legal qualifications. I think I have shown how this may be accomplished by a scheme for the enfranchisement of the profession—which I regard as the next medical reform to be contended for.

I am, etc. AN OLD FELLOW.

London, June 1859.

Medical News.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, AND APPOINTMENTS.

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

BIRTHS.

- BROWN. On June 10th, at Henley-on-Thames, the wife of *George Dransfield Brown, Esq., Surgeon, of a daughter.
BROWN. On June 5th, at 103, Blackman Street, Southwark, the wife of R. G. Brown, Esq., Surgeon, of a son.
DE LISLE. On June 9th, at Southsea, the wife of Richard V. De Lisle, Esq., Surgeon Royal Artillery, of a son.
SPONG. On June 12th, at Faversham, the wife of William Nash Spong, Esq., Surgeon, of a son.
STEEL. On June 6th, at Abergavenny, the wife of *Samuel H. Steel, M.B.Lond., of a daughter.
YOUNG. On June 10th, at Kettering, the wife of Lake Young, Esq., Surgeon, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

- NUNEZ—KENDALE. Nunez, the Rev. Maximilian, B.A., to Catherine, third daughter of the late Henry Kendale, Esq., Surgeon, at Hammersmith, on June 7th.

DEATHS.

- DIX. On June 12th, at Long Buckby, Northamptonshire, aged 6 years, William Frederick, eldest child of *Frederick W. Dix, Esq., Surgeon.
PERRY, James Chalmers, Esq., Surgeon, at Jerseyville, Illinois, United States, aged 62, on May 18th.
THOMPSON, Thomas, Esq., Surgeon, at 76, Gloucester Terrace, Hyde Park, aged 35, on June 12th.

APPOINTMENTS.

- MACANDREW, John, M.D., Inspector-General of Hospitals, has been appointed by the Queen to be an Ordinary Member of the Military Division of the Second Class or Knights Commanders of the most honourable Order of the Bath.

PASS LISTS.

- ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS. At a Special Meeting of the Court of Examiners, on June 15th,

LIMA, Teófilo de, of Caraccas, Venezuela, having undergone the necessary examinations, was admitted a member of the College.

HEALTH OF LONDON:—WEEK ENDING

JUNE 11TH, 1859.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

THE mortality of London has continued to fall during the last six weeks, and in the week that ended last Saturday the total number of deaths was 938. In the ten years 1849-58, the average number of deaths in the weeks corresponding with last week was 984; but as the deaths included in the present return occurred in a population that has increased, they should be compared with the average raised in proportion to the increase; namely, with 1082. The comparison presents a highly favourable result, for it appears that the deaths that occurred last week were less by 144 than the number that would have occurred if the average rate of mortality as ascertained for the early part of June had prevailed.

The births registered last week exceeded the deaths in the same period by 730.

Scarlatina, which was fatal in 50 and 42 cases respectively in the two previous weeks, was fatal last week in 43. Eleven deaths were caused by diphtheria, and occurred as follows:—One at 3, Windsor Place, Paddington; two in a family at 46, William Street, Kensington, where a third child died from scarlatina; one at 4, Cumberland Court (St. Pancras); one at 14, Harrington Square; one at 2, Wellington Road, Hackney; one at 35, Great Tower Street; two in the same family at 10, Hungerford Street (St. George-in-the-East); one at 46, Tiverton Street, Newington; and one at 4, York Place, Greenwich.

Fifteen children and two adults died last week from small-pox; two infants from erysipelas; two persons from carbuncle; seven from syphilis; and two by murder or manslaughter. A man died at the age of 92 years, and a woman at 95. Two infants and two adults died from cholera; they are registered as follows:—"At 2, Bloomsbury Place, a girl, aged 7 months, on June 9th, infantile cholera (twenty hours), exhaustion". "On 11th June, at 2, Brothers Row, Lambeth, a boy, aged 5 months, cholera infantum (three days)." "On 5th June, at 24, North Street, Marylebone, a woman, aged 73 years, diarrhoea (three days), cholera (two days)"; and "On 9th June, at 45, Little George Street, Bermondsey, a man, aged 55 years, choleraic diarrhoea (three days)."

A boy, aged 6 months, died at 5, Emma Place, Kensington, from "spasmodic croup (seven days)." Mr. Cooper Willis adds on his certificate, that the child was poisoned by the exhalations from the road in front of the house, which he states to be "in an infamous condition". Two children died at 6, Austin Street, Hackney Road, from scarlatina followed by dropsy. The air of the house is impure in consequence of the bad state of the drainage. A silk-winder, aged 74 years, died at 11, Winchester Street, Bethnal Green, from eating fish that was unfit for food.

Last week the births of 834 boys and the same number of girls, in all 1,668 children, were registered in London. In the ten corresponding weeks of the years 1849-58, the average number was 1,533.

At the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, the mean height of the barometer in the week was 29.676 in. The barometer decreased from 29.92 in. on Monday to 29.45 in. on Saturday, being the highest and lowest readings in the week. The mean temperature of the week was 61.7°, which is 4.3° above the average of the same week in 43 years (as determined by Mr. Glaisher.) The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer in the shade were 79.8° and 50.9°, and occurred on the same day, Wednesday. The extreme range of that day, and also of the week, was therefore 28.9°. The mean daily range was 20.7°. The difference between the mean dew point temperature and air temperature was 5.1°. The mean degree of humidity of the air was 86. The mean temperature of the water of the Thames was 65.4°. The wind blew generally from a northerly point. The rain measured was 0.31 in., nearly all of which fell on Sunday.

THE DUBLIN HOSPITALS. From the annual report, just published, of the above institutions, it appears that the total income thereof for the past year was £26,780, and the expenditure £25,151. The number of patients admitted was 12,549, the discharges amounted to 12,041, and the number of deaths to 560.

THE HUNTER STATUE. It may be interesting to the profession to know that the subscriptions for a statue to John Hunter already exceeds one thousand pounds.