

year, expressed their opinion on the manner in which the general education of medical students ought to be obtained, and stated the principles which appeared to them proper for the regulation of Professional Examinations, consider it undesirable, during the present session, to enter upon any details upon the so-called higher degrees and qualifications.

"But, at the same time, they would record their opinion, that it is not desirable that any University of the United Kingdom should confer a degree in Medicine, whether that of Bachelor or Doctor, upon candidates who have not graduated in Arts, or passed all the examinations required for the Bachelorship in Arts, or the examinations equivalent to those required for a degree in Arts."

25. Moved by Dr. CORRIGAN, seconded by Mr. LAWRENCE, and agreed to—

"That the foregoing Report be adopted."

The Council then adjourned.

Confirmed—JOSEPH HENRY GREEN.

Mr. GREEN, President, took the Chair at half-past Six o'clock P.M., on the same day.

Present—Dr. Embleton, Dr. Andrew Wood, Dr. Alexander Wood, Mr. Watt, Dr. A. Smith, Dr. Apjohn, Dr. Corrigan, Mr. Lawrence, and Mr. Teale.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Association Intelligence.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: ANNUAL MEETING.

The Twenty-Eighth Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be holden in Torquay, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd days of August.

President—JAMES R. W. VOSE, M.D., F.R.C.P., Liverpool.

President-elect—C. RADCLIFFE HALL, M.D., F.R.C.P.L. and E., Torquay.

The Meetings of the Association will take place in the Bath Saloon.

WEDNESDAY, August 1st.

1 P.M. Meeting of Committee of Council at the Torquay Club.

2.30 P.M. Meeting of General Council of the Association at the Torquay Club.

7 P.M. First General Meeting of the Association in the Bath Saloon. The retiring President will make a few remarks. The new President will deliver an Address. The Report of Council will be presented, and other business transacted.

THURSDAY, August 2nd.

8.30 A.M. Public Breakfast at the Royal Hotel.

10 A.M. Meeting of the Members of the new Council.

11 A.M. Second General Meeting of Members. The Address in Medicine will be delivered by C. BARHAM, M.D., of Truro. Papers and Cases will be read. The Meeting will adjourn at One, and reassemble at Two.

2 P.M. The Report of the Benevolent Fund will be received, and Papers and Cases will be read. An Address in Ophthalmic Surgery will be delivered by W. J. SQUARE, Esq., of Plymouth. The meeting will adjourn at Five.

8.30 P.M. *Soirée* at the Bath Saloon.

FRIDAY, August 3rd.

11 A.M. Third General Meeting of Members. The Address in Surgery will be delivered by P. C. DE LA GARDE, Esq., of Exeter. Papers and Cases will be read.

6 P.M. Dinner at the Victoria Rooms. Tickets One Guinea each.

Gentlemen intending to be present at the Dinner, are requested to send notice, as early as possible, to WILLIAM POLLARD, Jun., Esq., Park Crescent, Torquay.

Members are requested to enter, on arrival, their names and addresses in the Reception Room at the Torquay Club; where cards will be supplied which will secure admission to all the Proceedings, and contain such information as may be useful to those who are strangers to the town.

Members who wish for previous information may communicate with W. POLLARD, Jun., Esq., Torquay.

It is particularly requested that all members who propose to read papers, will communicate with the General Secretary without delay. Papers are promised by Dr. Brown-Séquard; Dr. Woollaston; Dr. W. Budd; Dr. H. Johnson; Dr. B. W. Richardson; and Dr. W. O. Markham.

Among the principal Hotels, are—the Royal; the Queen's; the Commercial; the Union; the London Inn.

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

Worcester, July 3rd, 1860.

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL: NOTICE OF MEETING.

THE Committee will meet at the Queen's Hotel, Birmingham, at one o'clock, on Thursday, the 19th inst.

Business:—Report of Council; Arrangements for Annual Meeting; the JOURNAL.

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

Worcester, July 3rd, 1860.

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

NAME OF BRANCH.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DATE.
CAMBRIDGE AND HUNTINGDON. [Annual Meeting.]	Philosophical Society's Rooms, Cambridge.	Tuesday, July 10th, 2 P.M.
BATH AND BRISTOL. [Annual Meeting.]	Mineral Water Hospital, Bath.	Thurs., July 12th, 3 P.M.
METROP. COUNTIES. [Annual Meeting.]	Crystal Palace, Sydenham.	Tues., July 17, 3 P.M.
READING. [Annual Meeting.]	Council Chamber, Reading.	Wed., July 18, 4 P.M.

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

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Annual Meeting of this Branch was held at the Rutland Arms Hotel, Newmarket, on Thursday, June 21st; RICHARD FAIRCLOTH, Esq., President, in the Chair. There were also present: B. Chevallier, M.D. (Ipswich); W. Cooper, Esq. (Bury St. Edmunds); C. M. Durrant, M.D. (Ipswich); R. Fyson, Esq. (Newmarket); G. M. Humphry, M.D. (Cambridge); J. Kirkman, M.D. (Malton); J. Muriel, Esq. (Ely); S. Payne, Esq. (Norwich); T. G. Wales, jun., Esq. (Downham Market).

Dr. Kirkman, the retiring President, introduced the President for the ensuing year, R. Faircloth, Esq., of Newmarket, who delivered an address.

New Member. R. Fyson, Esq., of Newmarket, was elected a member of the Association.

Resolutions. The following resolutions were passed unanimously:—

1. Proposed by Dr. DURRANT, and seconded by Mr. FAIRCLOTH—

"That the thanks of this meeting be given to Dr. Kirkman, for his services to the East Anglian Branch of the British Medical Association during his year of office."

2. Proposed by Mr. COOPER, and seconded by Mr. WALES—

"That the next annual meeting be held at Norwich; and that W. Cadge, Esq., be President-elect."

3. Proposed by Dr. DURRANT, and seconded by Dr. CHEVALLIER—

"That Mr. Faircloth, Dr. Kirkman, Mr. Cadge, and Mr. Waylen, be elected to represent the Branch in the General Council."

Papers. The following papers were then read:—

1. An Epitome of a Case of Extrauterine Fecundation. Under the care of C. G. Marshall, Esq., of Woodbridge. Read by J. Kirkman, M.D.

2. Intestinal Perforation opening in the Right Ileo-Lumbar Region. By C. M. Durrant, M.D. This paper gave rise to much discussion, in the course of which the propriety of operating in cases of persistent constipation was fully considered.

3. Case in which a Deposit of Ossific or Calcareous Matter was found, after Death, in the Substance of the Liver. By R. Faircloth, Esq.

4. Dr. Humphry exhibited the bones of some rabbits upon

which he had operated in order to determine the question whether the stumps of amputated limbs really grow; and, if so, in what manner the enlargement is effected.

Dinner. The dinner took place at the Rutland Arms. The President occupied the chair, and Dr. Kirkman the vice-chair. Several members were present who had been prevented from attending earlier, and also some visitors. The usual loyal, patriotic and professional toasts were drank; and the feeling was very generally expressed, that the meeting, though small, was successful in a social as well as a scientific point of view.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of this Branch was held at the Royal Institution, Manchester, on Thursday, June 28th, at 12 o'clock; M. A. E. WILKINSON, M.D., President, in the Chair. There were also present: S. H. Armitage, M.D. (Oldham); S. N. Bancroft, Esq. (Bolton); J. Bent, Esq. (Manchester); J. B. Bindloss, Esq. (Prestwich); J. Birch, Esq. (Manchester); J. Blackshaw, Esq. (Stockport); W. Brigham, Esq. (Lymm); R. Cooper, Esq. (Leek); G. Daglish, Esq. (Wigan); T. Davies, M.D. (Chester); L. E. Desmond, Esq. (Liverpool); A. W. Dumville, Esq. (Manchester); J. Galt, Esq. (Ashton-under-Lyne); G. Greaves, Esq. (Manchester); H. Halkyard, M.D. (Oldham); G. M. Harrison, Esq. (Manchester); J. Harrison, Esq. (Chester); J. Hatton, Esq. (Manchester); T. K. Heywood-Thompson, M.D. (Aigburth); R. T. Hunt, Esq. (Manchester); E. Jones, Esq. (Liverpool); S. D. Lees, M.D. (Ashton-under-Lyne); E. Lyon, M.D. (Manchester); W. McCheane, Esq. (Liverpool); W. McEwen, M.D. (Chester); G. Mallett, Esq. (Bolton); J. Martin, Esq. (Hindley); T. Mather, Esq. (Ashton-in-Makerfield); T. Mellor, Esq. (Manchester); D. Noble, M.D. (Manchester); J. A. Pearson, Esq. (Buxton); J. F. Pennington, Esq. (Ashton-in-Makerfield); W. Ramsden, L.R.C.P.Ed. (Royton); W. Roberts, M.D. (Manchester); H. Simpson, Esq. (Lymm); G. W. Smith, Esq. (Manchester); G. Southam, Esq. (Manchester); L. Spencer, L.R.C.P.Ed. (Preston); A. B. Steele, Esq. (Liverpool); A. Stookes, M.D. (Liverpool); J. Thorburn, M.D. (Manchester); T. Turner, Esq. (Manchester); J. Vose, M.D. (Liverpool); A. T. H. Waters, M.R.C.P. (Liverpool); E. Waters, M.D. (Chester); S. Whitlow, Esq. (Manchester); R. Wilding, Esq. (Blackburn); H. M. Williamson, Esq. (Manchester); G. Wolstenholme, Esq. (Bolton); and as visitors, J. S. Davies, Esq., F. A. Heath, Esq., and W. Heath, Esq.,—of Manchester; and Dr. Grant, 84th Regiment.

In the absence of the retiring President, E. WATERS, M.D., the President-elect, M. A. E. WILKINSON, M.D., took the chair, and delivered an address.

Report of Council. The following Report was read by the Honorary Secretary, Dr. A. T. H. WATERS:—

"In accordance with usual custom, the Council have to present on this occasion their Annual Report.

"At the last anniversary meeting, the Council, in congratulating the members on the passing of the Medical Act in the previous session of Parliament, expressed their opinion that the working of the measure should be carefully watched, both with the view of realising for the profession all the advantages its provisions might afford, and for the purpose of ascertaining in what respects the Act was deficient, and in what points it might require amendment. Your Council feel, from the repeated failures that have taken place in the prosecutions undertaken against unqualified practitioners, that there are some provisions of the Act which require to be either more explicitly set forth or more stringently laid down; and, although they are not prepared to suggest the details of the alterations which may be required to render the measure more effective, they feel that some amendment is urgently called for.

"During the past year, the attention of your Council has been directed to the subject of Poor-law medical reform, in consequence of the introduction into Parliament of a measure for effecting that object. A special meeting of your Council was called in March last, for the purpose of considering what steps should be taken with reference to the question. Your Council adopted a petition to the House of Commons in favour of the general principle of reform in the administration of medical relief to the poor, but without pledging themselves to the details of the Bill introduced by Mr. Pigott. In addition to this petition, which was duly presented, your Secretary was requested to address a letter to the members of Parliament for Lancashire and Cheshire, urging them to support some general measure of legislation on

the subject. Although the question has been withdrawn for the present session from the House of Commons, your Council feel that the subject is one which should receive the constant attention of the members of the Association; and they hope that, before another session of Parliament is over, the untiring exertions of Mr. Griffin will meet with that reward they so eminently deserve, and that a sound and liberal measure of Poor-law medical reform will be passed into law.

"In discussing the questions relating to the general interests of the profession, your Council cannot refrain from alluding to a circumstance which has attracted much attention during the past few months—viz., the admission by the Royal College of Surgeons of England to their membership of candidates who had undergone no previous course of study, such as is required from ordinary candidates. Your Council feel that, in the course they have pursued, the College have not only tended to lower the status of their diploma, but that they have not shown a due regard for the honour and interest of the profession, nor dealt fairly with those who have gained their diploma after having followed the usual course of study.

"Your Council have much pleasure in stating that the Branch still maintains that condition of prosperity which has characterised it in previous years. At the last annual meeting, the number of members was 230. Since that time, eighteen new members have joined the Branch. The number lost during the year by death, resignation, and removal, has been fourteen. The present number of members is 234.

"It is now four years since the Branch met in this city, which used to be the place of meeting every alternate year; and your Council cannot refrain from expressing their satisfaction in again welcoming the members to Manchester, where the profession have always been warm supporters of the Association. At the same time, they beg leave to express their strong conviction that the principle which has been fairly tried, and successfully carried out, of holding the annual meetings in other towns besides the two largest, Manchester and Liverpool, is one which in its application has been exceedingly beneficial to the interests of the Association; and they hope that other towns in this great district, which have not yet been visited, will become the scenes of annual gatherings, and thus that the influence of the Branch will become more widely extended, and the bonds of union between the members of the profession more firmly united."

The Treasurer's statement was read; it showed a balance in hand of £17:16:11.

Resolutions. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

1. Moved by Mr. DAGLISH (Wigan), and seconded by Mr. MATHER (Ashton-in-Makerfield)—

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

2. Moved by Mr. G. M. HARRISON (Manchester), seconded by Mr. MCCHEANE (Liverpool)—

"That the best thanks of this meeting be given to E. Waters, M.D., the late President; to G. Wolstenholme, Esq., and J. Harrison, Esq., the late Vice-Presidents; to the Honorary Secretary, and the other members of the Council,—for their services during the past year."

3. Moved by Dr. NOBLE (Manchester), seconded by Mr. MALLETT (Bolton)—

"That the best thanks of this meeting be given to the Local Secretaries, J. M. Robinson, Esq. (Bolton), J. Sharp, Esq. (Warrington), J. B. Gilbertson, M.D. (Preston), and J. Thorburn, M.D. (Manchester), for their valuable services during the past year; and that they be reappointed."

4. Moved by Dr. VOSE (Liverpool), seconded by Mr. WOLSTENHOLME (Bolton)—

"That the Council be requested to fix the place of meeting for the ensuing year, and to appoint the President and Vice-Presidents."

5. Moved by Mr. WHITLOW (Manchester), seconded by Mr. HARRISON (Chester)—

"That, in addition to the President, M. A. E. Wilkinson, M.D., the Vice-Presidents, E. Batty, Esq., and G. Southam, Esq., and the Honorary Secretary, A. T. H. Waters, M.R.C.P., the following gentlemen constitute the Council for the ensuing year:—W. W. Beever, Esq. (Manchester); T. W. Callon, L.R.C.P.E. (Liverpool); 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. Mallett, Esq. (Bolton); T. Mellor, Esq. (Manchester); D.

Noble, M.D. (Manchester); W. Roberts, M.D. (Manchester); J. Robinson, Esq. (Bolton); J. Sharp, Esq. (Warrington); L. Spencer, L.R.C.P.E. (Preston); G. Turner, M.D. (Stockport); J. Vose, M.D. (Liverpool); H. Wilson, Esq. (Runcorn)."

6. Moved by Mr. STEELE (Liverpool), seconded by Mr. DESMOND (Liverpool)—

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

The Medical Act. Mr. STEELE moved the following resolution:—

"That the members of this Branch desire to direct the attention of the Council of the Association to the necessity which exists for an amendment of the Medical Act, and would urge upon them the importance of an early movement in furtherance of that object."

His object was twofold; first, that he might have an opportunity of hearing the opinion of his fellow-associates upon the Medical Act; and secondly, that he might elicit, as far as possible, what the British Medical Association were doing, or intended to do, with reference to obtaining an amendment. It was needless to detain the meeting by adducing arguments to prove the necessity which existed for an amendment of the Act. It was not even free from grammatical errors; and some of its causes were so vague and obscure, that it was very difficult indeed to determine what was the real intention of the framers. Those who had been practically engaged in setting the law in motion could tell them, more distinctly, perhaps, than anybody else, how much difficulty and disappointment had accrued in consequence of the want of a clear exposition of the views of the framers. Although, then, amendment was necessary, there might be a difference of opinion as to the principles upon which the amendment should be made. The fortieth section contained the only penal clause, and was, no doubt, intended to effect the suppression of illegal practice. Unfortunately, it was found to be so vague, that one of the judges, before whom an appeal was taken, gave it as his opinion that it might be construed either for or against the defendant. He (Mr. Steele) thought any attempt to render this section more stringent would be unsuccessful; and he questioned whether, in this age of liberality, the legislature would listen to any such suggestion, if made by the Council, even if the Council were inclined to do so. All he was at present disposed to ask was, that the section should either be expunged totally or translated into plain common-sense English. They had a right to demand, at all events, that, as expressed in the preamble of the Bill, persons requiring medical aid should be able to distinguish between qualified and unqualified practitioners. Under the present system, however, there was even more difficulty than before; for persons were not assisted, but rather prevented by the Act, from ascertaining which were and which were not legally qualified practitioners; for whereas, formerly, nineteen lists had to be searched, another—the *Medical Register*—was now added; and names were to be found in it not in the others, while names on the others were not to be found in it. The Medical Act had not repealed the Act of 1815, which enabled licentiates of the Apothecaries' Society to recover charges for medical attendance; nor the Medical Witness Act; while several of its provisions affected both the recovery of charges for medical attendance and the giving of evidence in a court of law. Hence the supposed privileges of registered and the disabilities of unregistered persons were, after all, very doubtful. The Medical Act, therefore, whether regarded as a means of suppressing illegal practice, or as a guide to the public to distinguish qualified from unqualified practitioners, had proved a failure: all that it could be said to have accomplished was the imposition upon the profession of a voluntary rate, to raise funds for the purposes of regulating medical education and the general business of the Council. A complete and perfect *Register* would have drawn a broad line of demarcation between legal and illegal practitioners, and nothing less than this would render the Act satisfactory; and this, he contended, the profession had a right to expect, as the principle was acknowledged by government in the preamble to the Bill. There was great reason to complain of somebody—either the framers of the measure or the legislature; for the

preamble laid down a very distinct and decided principle, which not one of the clauses was sufficiently stringent to carry out. He would suggest that registration should be made compulsory, or all pretence for it done away with. To effect the necessary alteration, the Branch naturally looked to the Association, which was the only body that could be said to embody the profession of the country, and which was greatly instrumental in getting the Act passed—the Act being considered as the Act of the Association.

Dr. ARMITAGE seconded the motion. In Oldham, the decision of the judges had led to a charlatan resuming a title which he had been compelled to abandon; and the Local Registration Association stood before the public as completely stultified.

After a short discussion, the motion was adopted unanimously.

Papers and Communications. The following papers and communications were read:—

1. Notes on the Treatment of Diabetes. By W. Roberts, M.D.
2. On the Different Degrees of Vision after Successful Operation for Cataract. By R. T. Hunt, Esq.

3. On the Effects of Compression in the Cure of Aneurism. By Thomas Turner, Esq. Mr. Turner exhibited three patients who had been treated for popliteal aneurism by compression, with complete success.

4. Case of Excision of the Knee-Joint. By G. Southam, Esq. Mr. Southam exhibited his patient on whom he had performed excision of the knee-joint. The boy has a very useful limb, and is able to walk well.

Dr. LEES (Ashton) moved, Mr. GREAVES (Manchester) seconded, and it was unanimously resolved—

"That the best thanks of this meeting be given to Dr. Roberts, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Turner, and Mr. Southam, for their valuable papers and communications; and that they be requested to forward the same to the JOURNAL, for publication."

Vote of Thanks. It was moved by Mr. SHARP (Warrington), seconded by Dr. STOOKES (Liverpool), and resolved—

"That the best thanks of this meeting be given to the Committee of the Royal Institution, for the use of the building on the present occasion."

Dinner. The dinner took place in the evening, at the Palatine Hotel. Dr. Williamson occupied the chair; and Dr. E. Waters and Mr. Southam the vice-chairs. Fifty-four gentlemen sat down. Among the visitors were the Dean of Manchester; C. J. S. Walker, Esq.; Dr. Grant, 84th Regiment; etc. The toasts drank were: "The Queen"; "The Prince Consort and the Royal Family"; "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese—responded to by the Dean of Manchester"; "The Army and Navy"—responded to by Dr. Grant and Dr. Heywood-Thomson; "The British Medical Association and Sir Charles Hastings"—proposed by Mr. Southam, and responded to by Dr. Vose; "Prosperity to the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch of the British Medical Association"—proposed by the Dean of Manchester, and responded to by Mr. Hatton; "The President"—by the Dean of Manchester; "The Ex-Presidents"—proposed by Dr. Lees, and responded to by Dr. E. Waters; "The Vice-Presidents, Mr. Southam and Mr. Batty"—by Mr. Dumville; "The Honorary Secretary, Dr. A. T. H. Waters"—by Mr. T. Turner; "The New Members"—proposed by Dr. A. T. H. Waters, and responded to by Dr. Armitage; "The Gentlemen who read the Papers"—proposed by Mr. Wolstenholme, and responded to by Dr. Roberts; "Dr. Thorburn, Local Secretary"—by Mr. Lund; "The Visitors"—proposed by Mr. Harrison, and responded to by Mr. C. J. S. Walker.

MIDLAND BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Ninth Annual Meeting of this Branch was held at the Exchange Rooms, Nottingham, on Thursday, June 28th, at 2 P.M.; HENRY TAYLOR, Esq. (Nottingham), in the Chair, in the absence, from illness, of the President-elect, GEO. EATON STANGER, Esq. There were also present: J. W. Baker, Esq. (Derby); R. B. Carter, Esq. (Nottingham); A. H. Dolman, Esq. (Derby); S. W. Fearn, Esq. (Derby); H. Goode, M.B. (Derby); J. Heygate, M.D., F.R.S. (Derby); H. Lankester, Esq. (Leicester); W. H. May, Esq. (Leicester); J. Mitchell, M.D. (Nottingham); H. Nuttall, M.D. (Leicester); J. Sloane, M.D. (Leicester); T. A. Stephenson, Esq. (Nottingham); W. Stiff, M.D. (Nottingham); Jos. Thompson, Esq. (Nottingham); J. N. Thompson, Esq. (Nottingham); J. White, Esq. (Nottingham); Thos. Wright, Esq. (Nottingham); etc.

Dr. GOODE of Derby (in the absence, from illness, of the

retiring President, J. W. Johnson, Esq.) introduced the Chairman of the meeting, H. TAYLOR, Esq.

New Members. The following new members of the Branch and of the Association were elected:—W. P. Stiff, M.D. (Nottingham); W. H. Ransom, M.D. (Nottingham); J. C. L. Marsh, M.D. (Nottingham); W. Wood, Esq. (Nottingham); R. B. Carter, Esq. (Nottingham); J. Littlewood, Esq. (Nottingham); and R. H. Wood, Esq. (Leicester).

Report of the Council. Dr. GOODE, Honorary Secretary for Derbyshire, read the following Report of the Branch Council for the past year:—

"The Council of the Midland Branch, in presenting their Ninth Annual Report, feel gratified in being able to speak favourably of its condition. Several members have retired, and some have paid the debt of nature; but the number of members on the books is, at any rate, not diminished; fresh members have come in, and it is to be hoped that their example will be followed by many others who are not yet connected with the Association.

"Much has been said and written during the past year respecting the financial position of the Association; and the Council would urge on the members how much of the prosperity in this respect depends on themselves, by the prompt payment of subscriptions.

"Several interesting and valuable papers have been read during the past year; and the subject of medical reform, and in connexion with it the laxity of admission into the Colleges, has been brought before the Association. The Medical Act is yet imperfect, and should continue to occupy the attention of the Association to whose efforts its passing was mainly due."

The Medical Act. It was proposed by Dr. HEYGATE, and seconded by Dr. ROBERTSON—

"That the following memorial be at once sent to the Registrar, Dr. Hawkins, for presentation to the Medical Council during their present session in London.

"The members of the Midland Branch of the British Medical Association, assembled at their annual meeting at Nottingham, beg respectfully, through their chairman, to suggest to the Medical Council now sitting in London, the necessity of using their undoubted influence with Parliament for the amendment of the Medical Act, which has proved, in so many instances, inefficient in preventing illegal practice.

"Signed, on behalf of the meeting,

"HENRY TAYLOR, *Chairman.*"

Place of Meeting in 1861. It was resolved to hold the next meeting of the Branch in Leicester; and T. Macaulay, Esq., was appointed President-elect.

Representatives in the General Council. The following members were elected as representatives in the General Council for the ensuing year:—J. Heygate, M.D., F.R.S., and J. Hitchman, M.D.—for Derbyshire; J. Barclay, M.D., and Thos. Macaulay, Esq.—for Leicestershire; E. Morris, M.D., and Jas. Snow, Esq.—for Lincolnshire; Jos. White, Esq. (Secretary), and H. Taylor, Esq.—for Nottinghamshire.

Papers. The following papers were then read:—

1. On Paracentesis Thoracis. By H. Goode, M.D.

2. On Amputation through the Knee-Joint. By A. H. Dolman, Esq.

3. On Excision of the Knee-Joint. By R. B. Carter, Esq.

4. On the Cure of some Obstinate Cases of Vomiting by Large Doses of Quinine. By W. T. Robertson, M.D.

A paper by Dr. Sloane of Leicester, on Diseases of the Skin, was postponed for want of time.

Dinner. The dinner took place at the George Hotel, and was attended by about thirty gentlemen, including several guests, amongst whom were the Mayor of Nottingham, J. C. Hine, Esq., Captain Storey of the Robin Hood Rifles, etc. The chair was occupied by Henry Taylor, Esq.; and, after dinner, the following toasts were, amongst others, proposed:—"The Queen"; "The Prince Consort and the Royal Family"; "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese"; "The Army and Navy"; "The Mayor and Corporation of Nottingham"; "The Medical Charities of Nottinghamshire"; "The British Medical Association and Sir Charles Hastings"; "The President of the Branch"; "The Chairman"; "The Secretaries of the Branch"; "The Readers of Papers"; "The Vice-Chairman (Dr. Robertson)"; "The Visitors"; "The Ladies"; etc.

Editor's Letter Box.

PROBATIONARY HOUSES FOR THE TREATMENT OF INCIPIENT INSANITY.

LETTER FROM HENRY GRAMSHAW, Esq.

SIR,—Your leading article in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of June 23rd, on the subject of Probationary Houses for the Treatment of Incipient Insanity, leads me to venture to trouble you with a circular relative to an establishment I am anxious to form on the basis you suggest. I so completely concur with the remarks which you make on the difficulty of coming to a right decision about the propriety of signing certificates of madness in certain cases, that I think a half-way-house is much required; and would, as you intimate, not unfrequently prevent the necessity of a patient's ever having to finish the journey.

I have one lady now resident with me, and several eminent physicians in London have promised to aid me in the undertaking I have in hand. With regard to remuneration, I am willing in some measure to adapt myself in that respect to the circumstances of the parties, and the scale varies from £90 to £200 per annum.

Trusting you will bear my communication in mind,

I am, etc., HENRY GRAMSHAW.

P.S. The air of Laxfield is dry and bracing, and the neighbourhood round purely agricultural.

Laxfield Villa, near Framlingham, June 30th, 1860.

HAY-FEVER.

SIR,—I have at present two or three cases of hay-fever, but am not able to find anything satisfactory as regards the mode of treatment most successful in such cases. Any information you, or any other associate, may be able to give through the pages of the JOURNAL will, at the present season, doubtless be valued by others as well as by

L. R. C. P.

July 3rd, 1860.

[In hay-fever, the first and most obvious indication is removal, if possible, from the influence of the emanations which have caused the disease. As to the treatment, Dr. Salter, in his recent work on *Asthma*, speaks of tobacco-smoking *ad nauseum*, as the most efficient means of allaying the asthma which attends hay-fever. EDITOR.]

Medical News.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, AND APPOINTMENTS.

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

BIRTHS.

Of sons, the wives of—

*BURNS, J. J. D., R.N., at Brompton, Chatham, on June 26.

*FLETCHER, J. Ogden, M.D., Manchester, on July 3.

GLISSAN, J., Esq., Surgeon, Leonard Square, Finsbury, lately.

PAGE, Wm., M.D., at 11, Queen Street, Mayfair, on June 30.

SIORDET, James L., M.D., at Bournemouth, on June 29.

*WILLETT, Matthew, Esq., Bristol, on June 14.

Of daughters, the wives of—

LATHAM, R. G., M.D., at Greenford, on June 28.

STEPHENSON, T. Appleby, Esq., Nottingham, on June 24.

SUTRO, Sigismund, M.D., Finsbury Square, on July 1.

MARRIAGES.

BARNETT, R., Esq., Pau, to Adela S., only surviving daughter of the late Rev. E., WHELDON, of Hales Hall, Staffordshire, at Bradley, on June 27.

BOOKER, Fredk., Esq., Edmonton, to Thermuthis R., youngest daughter of Henry BIDDLE, Esq., Surgeon, Edmonton, on June 28.

CUDDEN, Edward, Esq., to Annette C., eldest daughter of J. LEAKE, M.D., of Peckham, at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, on June 27.

HULKE, Frederick T., Esq., fourth son of William Hulke, Esq., Surgeon, Deal, to Charlotte, only daughter of the late Thomas C. BACKHOUSE, Esq., at St. George's, Bloomsbury, on June 28.

NASON, John J., M.B., of Stratford-upon-Avon, to Mary W., second daughter of Henry BIDDLE, Esq., Surgeon, Edmonton, on June 28.

DEATHS.

ADDISON, Thomas, M.D., late Physician to Guy's Hospital, at Brighton, on June 29.

FRAMPTON. On June 29th, at 151, Westbourne Terrace, Hyde Park, aged 14, Louisa E., eldest daughter of Thomas Frampton, Esq., Surgeon.

KAYS. On July 3rd, at Inverness Terrace, aged 6, Edith Annie, daughter of Martin T. Kays, M.D.

MACINTOSH, Agnew, M.D., late H.M. Madras Medical Service, at Bury Street, on July 2.

REEVE, Henry, Esq., Surgeon, at Kentish Town, on July 3.

SOMERVILLE, William, M.D., formerly Physician to the Royal Hospital at Chelsea, at Florence, aged 91, on June 25.

YOUNG, J. Forbes, M.D., at Kennington, aged 64, on June 30.

APPOINTMENTS.

*STANSFELD, Geo. M., Esq., appointed Assistant-Surgeon, City of Bristol Volunteer Rifle Corps.

PASS LISTS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS. The following members of the College, having been elected Fellows at previous meetings of the Council, were admitted as such on July 4th:—

BANCKS, Thomas, Stourbridge; diploma of membership dated April 29, 1834

CROFT, Charles P., Woburn Square; December 13, 1839

HARRISON, Thomas S., Frome; December 7, 1821

APOTHECARIES' HALL. LICENTIATES admitted on *Thursday, June 21st, 1860*:—

BAKER, Thomas Y., Hargrave, MELDOLA, Raphael, Gretton Northamptonshire Terrace

GIBBS, Robert C., Newcastle-on-Tyne MITCHELL, William, Bothie, Cumberland

JONES, John, Llanfyllin TANNER, Robert, Ledbury

UBSEDL, Henry, Pewsey

The following gentlemen also, on the same day, passed their first examination:—

GARDNER, S. C. T., Highgate RICHARDSON, Timothy, London Hospital

KING, Edmund C., University College WOODMAN, William B., London Hospital

MILLER, Richard M., University College

ACTION BY A SURGEON AGAINST AN INSURANCE COMPANY FOR DISMISSAL.

A FEW days ago, an action was brought by Mr. Bermingham, a surgeon in Kentish Town, against the Waterloo Life Insurance Company, to recover compensation for wrongful dismissal from the office of medical adviser to the defendants' company. It appeared that Mr. Bermingham was appointed on the formation of the company in 1852, at a salary of £75 a year, which was afterwards raised to £100 a year, and in 1856 reduced to £50 a year. In May, 1854, Mr. Bermingham examined the late Mr. Hutton, who carried on business as a wine merchant at the West End, upon a proposal to insure, and, finding no symptoms to the contrary, and having no information to excite suspicion, he reported that it was a first-class life. The office granted a policy; and upon Mr. Hutton's death, his widow brought an action to recover the amount. It then transpired that Mr. Hutton had been at times resorting to low society, and indulging in bouts of drunkenness which lasted for days, but generally presenting to his friends the appearance of a most sober, quiet, and respectable gentleman. There was no doubt that he had suffered from several attacks of *delirium tremens* previous to the plaintiff making his examination in May 1854, one of them being as recent as the week preceding; but the plaintiff stated that there was no indication of the fact to be discovered in the appearance of Mr. Hutton. The result of Mrs. Hutton's action was a verdict in her favour, but subsequently a rule for a new trial was obtained; and on the second occasion, in December last, the jury found a verdict for the company. About a week afterwards, the secretary wrote to Mr. Bermingham,

stating that his evidence had created a very general feeling of dissatisfaction among the shareholders and others interested in its success, that the directors thought it had jeopardised their cause and was inimical to the company, and that under the circumstances it was assumed that he would not desire to continue his official connexion with the company. Mr. Bermingham called upon the secretary to furnish him with the names of the dissatisfied shareholders, and the request was refused. On the 6th of January last, Mr. Bermingham wrote an exculpatory letter, stating that he had told the solicitor his deposition must be against the company; and when dragged into the box, against his inclination, he could take no other course than give his evidence conscientiously. If he had known that he should be called on to resign, unless his testimony met the views of the directors, he should have protested against a condition which imposed such base servility. He concluded by declaring that he should certainly not resign his appointment. On the 10th of January, the directors came to a resolution that the plaintiff be dismissed, and the solicitors of the company be instructed to take steps to give effect to it. The company justified the dismissal on the ground that the plaintiff had not shewn proper skill in certifying Mr. Hutton's to be a first-class life. A number of medical gentlemen proved that, until *delirium tremens* assumed a chronic form, it was quite possible for the patient to be free from all indications of it within three days of an attack. Mr. Huddleston said that, after this evidence, the company would submit to a verdict, and withdraw all imputations on the plaintiff's professional skill. Verdict for the plaintiff—Damages, £200.

THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF EDUCATION AND REGISTRATION. At a meeting of the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, on Wednesday afternoon, Mr. James Moncrieff Arnott, F.R.S., and President of the College, was elected as the representative of that institution in the Medical Council of Education and Registration, in the vacancy occasioned by the promotion of Mr. Green to the President's chair, *vice* Sir Benjamin Brodie, Bart., resigned.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS. The annual meeting of the Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons of England took place on the 5th inst., in the library of the institution. The object of the meeting on the present occasion was merely a formal one, viz., to reelect Messrs. Kiernan, Hodgson, and Partridge, the retiring members of the Council, which was accordingly done. In the evening, the Fellows reassembled in a large party at the Freemasons' Tavern, Mr. Luke, F.R.S., in the chair, where a sumptuous entertainment had been provided.

THE JOHN HUNTER STATUE. At the recent meeting of the American Medical Association, a resolution was passed to the effect that it be recommended to the different States to collect subscriptions, of not more than one dollar each, from every regularly educated physician; and that all money so collected be forwarded, by the chairman of the committee appointed for collecting the subscriptions, to the treasurer of the Hunter testimonial fund in London. A copy of the resolution, with a list of the committee, was ordered to be sent to each medical school in the country.

HEALTH OF LONDON—JUNE 30TH, 1860.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

	Births.	Deaths.
During week	{ Boys.. 859 Girls.. 872 }	1731 .. 1001
Average of corresponding weeks 1850-9	1634 .. 1217	
Among the causes of death were—	bronchitis, 53; pneumonia, 36; phthisis, 136; small-pox, 10; scarlatina, 23; measles, 65; diphtheria, 8; hooping-cough, 25. The deaths from pulmonary diseases (exclusive of phthisis) were 130, being 17 above the corrected average.	
Barometer:	Highest (Sat.) 30.047; lowest (Mon.) 29.622; mean 29.767.	
Thermometer:	In sun—highest (Tu.) 117.0 degrees; lowest (Wed.) 65.0 degrees. In shade—highest (Sun.) 74.0 degrees; lowest (Sat.) 48.3 degrees. Mean—57.1 degrees; difference from mean of 43 yrs.—3.9 degrees. Range—during week, 25.7 degrees; mean daily, 16.1 degrees.	
Mean humidity of air (saturation = 100), 83.		
Mean direction of wind, S.W.—Rain in inches, 1.02.		

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from:—DR. L. BEALE; DR. JAMES HEYGATE; DR. P. H. WILLIAMS; MR. WHITE; DR. F. HAWKINS; DR. JAS. RUSSELL; MR. R. W. TAMPLIN; DR. B. CHEVALLIER; DR. C. M. DURRANT; MR. MARSHALL; DR. J. M. BRYAN; MR. EDW. MOORE; DR. J. H. HEMMING; DR. T. SKINNER; MR. M. WILLETT; MR. T. M. STONE; DR. O. FLETCHER; DR. T. H. BARKER; DR. D. NELSON; L.R.C.P.; DR. STRAP; and MR. H. GRAMSHAW.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING of the **BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION** will be holden in **TORQUAY**, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd days of August.

President—JAMES R. W. VOSE, M.D., F.R.C.P., Liverpool.

President-Elect—C. RADCLYFFE HALL, M.D., F.R.C.P. L. & E., Torquay.

The Meetings of the Association will take place in the Bath Saloon.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1st.

- 1 P.M. Meeting of Committee of Council at the Torquay Club.
 2.30 " Meeting of General Council of the Association at the Torquay Club.
 7 " First General Meeting of the Association in the Bath Saloon. The retiring President will make a few remarks. The new President will deliver an Address. The Report of Council will be presented, and other business transacted.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2nd.

- 8.30 A.M. Public Breakfast at the Royal Hotel.
 10 " Meeting of the Members of the new Council.
 11 " Second General Meeting of Members. The Address in Medicine will be delivered by C. BARHAM, M.D., of Truro. Papers and Cases will be read. The Meeting will adjourn at One and reassemble at Two P.M.
 The Report of the Benevolent Fund will be received, and Papers and Cases will be read. An Address in Ophthalmic Surgery will be delivered by W. J. SQUARE, Esq., of Plymouth. The Meeting will adjourn at Five.
 8.30 P.M. *Soirée* at the Bath Saloon.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3rd.

- 11 A.M. Third General Meeting of Members. The Address in Surgery will be delivered by P. C. DE LA GARDE, Esq., of Exeter. Papers and Cases will be read.

6 P.M. Dinner at the Victoria Rooms. Tickets One Guinea each.

Gentlemen intending to be present at the Dinner, are requested to send notice, as early as possible, to WILLIAM POLLARD, Jun., Esq., Park Crescent, Torquay.

Members are requested to enter, on arrival, their Names and Addresses in the Reception Room at the Torquay Club; where cards will be supplied which will secure admission to all the Proceedings, and contain such information as may be useful to those who are strangers to the town.

Members who wish for previous information may communicate with W. POLLARD, Jun., Esq., Torquay.

It is particularly requested that all Members who propose to read Papers will communicate with the General Secretary without delay. Papers are promised by Dr. Brown-Séquard; Dr. Woollaston; Dr. W. Budd; Dr. H. Johnson; Dr. B. W. Richardson; and Dr. W. O. Markham.

Among the principal Hotels are—the Royal; the Queen's; the Commercial; the Union; the London Inn.

Worcester, July 3rd, 1860.

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

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