

logical report, I cannot easily understand how Dr. Playfair could have attributed to the committee what was undoubtedly the result of Dr. Smart's individual labours. My astonishment at Dr. Playfair's inaccuracy is all the more heightened by the fact that Dr. Playfair is himself a member of this committee."

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY.....Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's for Fistula and other Diseases of the Rectum, 9 A.M. and 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.
TUESDAY.....Guy's, 1½ P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.
WEDNESDAY...St. Mary's, 1 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—St. Thomas's, 1.30 P.M.
THURSDAY....St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 P.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.—London Surgical Home, 2 P.M.—Royal Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.
FRIDAY.....Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.
SATURDAY....St. Thomas's, 9.30 A.M.—St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—King's College, 1.30 P.M.—Charing Cross, 2 P.M.—Lock, Clinical Demonstration and Operations, 1 P.M.—Royal Free, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

TUESDAY. Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, 8.30 P.M. Mr. T. Holmes, "Case of Lumbar Colotomy"; Dr. Morehead, "On the Pathology of Pneumonia and Hepatitis."

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

* * All letters and communications for the JOURNAL, to be addressed to the EDITOR, 37, Great Queen St., Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.

COMMUNICATIONS.—To prevent a not uncommon misconception, we beg to inform our correspondents that, as a rule, all communications which are not returned to their authors, are retained for publication.

CORRESPONDENTS, who wish notice to be taken of their communications, should authenticate them with their names—of course, not necessarily for publication.

P. O.—The instructive papers on London Pauperism, which are being published in the *Standard*, are, we understand, written by Dr. Stallard.

THE VACCINATION BILL.—A letter to the following effect has been sent by Dr. Mackinder to Sir M. Cholmeley, Bart., M.P., and J. B. Stanhope, Esq., M.P.

"Gainsborough, March 21st, 1866.

"Sir,—As the Bill for Vaccination goes into Committee to-morrow (Thursday), may I ask you to support the amendment of Mr. Griffin, President of the Poor-law Medical Reform Association, a copy of which amendment has been sent to every member of the House of Commons.

"The Bill, as it stands, is unjust and insulting to the members of my profession; since the remuneration offered is not an equivalent for the services demanded, and the conditions of employment imply such an amount of ignorance as the merest tyro would blush to acknowledge. The idea of compelling every registered practitioner to pass a special examination on the simplest operation in surgery before he is permitted to become a public vaccinator is unjust, since he has to pay for an examination on a subject which formed a part of his original studies, and which came within the province of those who granted his title to registration. But to compel those who hold appointments as public vaccinators to leave their patients and homes to pass another examination, is to offer them such an indignity as no man with a proper feeling of self-respect has any right to submit to.

"The Bill, as it stands, is unworthy of public confidence, since no vaccinator will ever give himself the trouble to search out the unprotected, unless he be fairly paid for his time and labour, and be honourably treated.

"I am, sir, your obedient servant,
"D. MACKINDER, M.D., F.R.C.S., etc., Public Vaccinator."

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T. F.—We believe we are not revealing any secret, if we say that the very clever Latin composition, *Ad Adolescentes*, referred to by our correspondent, and which appeared in the JOURNAL of last week, is from the pen of Dr. C. Witt of Spring Gardens. Wit, good common sense, and scientific medical advice, will be there found united in a capital classical exposition.

THE ARMY AND NAVY COMMITTEE.—SIR: Will you allow me space for a few remarks on the feeling of dissatisfaction which is expressed by so many medical officers. The causes of dissatisfaction may be said to be solely the addition of "suggestions" to the highly satisfactory recommendations regarding the presidency of mixed boards and position at mess, which suggestions entirely neutralise the said recommendations, and the proposal of five-tenths instead of seven-tenths as the retired pay after twenty years' service.

It is felt that the position at mess, which the second recommendation proposed to make clear, will be left in an unsatisfactory state, in consequence of the "opinion" attached; and that the "suggestion" appended to the first recommendation renders the recommendation itself void.

Then, to offer a man permission to retire upon five-tenths of a given rate of pay, when, by serving five years longer, he will be entitled to retire upon seven-tenths of a higher rate, is to offer that which no man is likely to accept.

These are the blots which have damaged the effect of the otherwise excellent recommendations.

It is rather strange that a higher rate of pay should be proposed for the navy than for the army, when we consider that the necessary expenses of the former service are far less than those of the latter; but little is thought of that feature.

I am, etc., "FORTIS EST VERITAS."

POOR-LAW MEDICAL REFORM.—Mr. Griffin begs us to inform the Poor-law medical officers that the following subscriptions have been received by him towards the funds of the association:—G. Taylor, St. Faith's, 10s.; H. D. Ellis, Poole, 5s.; Haynes, New, and Haynes, 21s.; F. Owen, Epsom, 10s.; A. Stedman, Epsom, 10s.; H. G. Hardy, Auckland, 5s.; Newman and Atkins, Cusford, 10s.; A. Roberts, Holborn, 10s.

By Mr. Prowse: T. Odell, Hertford, 10s.; H. Jepson, Kingston, 10s.; A. Kirkland, Amersham, 10s.

THE PRUDHOE CONVALESCENT HOME.—SIR: I enclose a copy of a leading article that appeared in the *Newcastle Chronicle*, in explanation of a most philanthropic proposal made by Sir W. G. Armstrong, C.B., to the Committee of the Prudhoe Convalescent Home. The proposed memorial to the late lamented Duke of Northumberland, viz., to double his subscription of £1000, provided that a sufficient number of existing contributors join in raising a further sum of £1000, by doubling the sums they have already given.

Already, in response to the proposal, one gentleman has offered to give £200, if other four individuals will contribute like sums.

I am, etc., G. H. PHILIPSON, M.D.,

Hon. Sec. Prudhoe Convalescent Home.
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, March 17th, 1866.

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—Dr. FREDERICK J. BROWN; Dr. T. H. BARTLETT; Mr. R. S. FOWLER; Mr. RICHARD GRIFFIN; Dr. A. SAMUELSON; Dr. A. MEADOWS; Mr. WILLIAM CORNEY; Dr. A. P. STEWART; Dr. TUBBS; Mr. HOAR; Dr. GRAILY HEWITT; Dr. H. LAWSON; Mr. DAYMAN; Dr. DOBELL; Mr. DE MORGAN; Dr. GAIRDNER; Mr. IKIN; Dr. PHILIPSON; Dr. ROBERT FOWLER; Mr. C. HUNTER; Mr. I. BAKER BROWN; Mr. T. WATKIN WILLIAMS; Mr. W. PLATT; Mr. H. GREENWAY; Dr. ALEXANDER FLEMING; Mr. C. HOLTHOUSE; Dr. CAMPS; THE HONORARY SECRETARIES OF THE ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY; Dr. W. B. HERAPATH; and Mr. R. HARRISON.

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The subjects for the FOTHERGILLIAN GOLD MEDALS offered for competition by this Society are:—

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Candidates for these medals are informed that practical and original facts and illustrations will be considered as especial merits in all essays sent in for competition; that the essays must be written in the English or Latin languages, copied in a fair and legible hand, and delivered at the Society's Rooms 32a, George Street, Hanover Square, on or before the 1st of November preceding the award, with a sealed packet, containing the author's name, and having on the outside a motto or device corresponding with a motto or device on the essay; that any Essay in the author's handwriting, or with his name affixed, or which may in any way discover him, will be excluded from competition; and that the successful essay will become the property of the Society.

The learned of all countries are invited to compete.

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