

THE BIRMINGHAM MEETING.

DR. HUGH WOODS (Highgate) writes: The leading article in the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL* of August 9th is calculated to prevent the indignation aroused by the action of the Council in relegating the whole general business of the Association to the end of a long address on the last afternoon of the annual meeting, from passing away. The writer of the article brings forward arguments to show lack of interest among the members. He says: "At the second general meeting, when the question was put to a crowded hall, at the close of the address, whether they would consent to continue the adjourned business, there was almost a universal shout of 'No,' and on every occasion on which the President announced that there was important business for discussion, referring to notices on the paper, there was an almost universal stampede, etc." What are the facts of the case? At the second general meeting the first ordinary business would have been a motion of my own. This was not entered in the *Daily Journal* in the business for the day, and accordingly I was not present, and even if I had been present, and if the meeting had wished the ordinary business to proceed, I should have refused to bring forward my motion in a manner quite irregular, and especially when to have done so would have been a gratuitous insult to the editor of our *JOURNAL* and the other gentlemen to whom presentations were to be made, as announced in the agenda for the day. The President and his advisers best know their motive in asking the meeting a question to which there could be only one answer; but when the writer of the article alluded to bring forward this long-suffering act of courtesy for the purpose of damaging a cause with which he is not in sympathy, he entirely misinterprets the feelings of the meeting. Again as to the "almost universal stampede" when important business came on; the only pretext for such statement arose from the fact that, when my motion on proxy voting was coming on, the president directed (I think very unnecessarily) that all who were not members should withdraw. This compelled the large number of ladies who were present to leave, and a great many members had to escort their lady friends home, as it was very late at night; but even so a very large meeting remained, and the discussion was carried on by so many speakers that at last the meeting, wishing to retire to rest, insisted on the discussion being brought to an end, and a vote taken. The vote was taken in a very full house. I saw no lack of interest, but rather a tendency to needless warmth.

On the last afternoon, with a vast amount of most important business to be done, which had been obstructed on previous days, we were unable to begin until after an address, followed by the usual out of date interchange of adulatory inanities, which took up about an hour and a half. Even then we had a pretty full meeting for the early part of the business, and the fact that a resolute number of intelligent members delayed their homeward journey so as to maintain their right of free discussion showed a determination which the Council will act wisely in noting. If the Council cannot regulate the business of the annual meeting better than it did at Birmingham, the Association would do well to appoint a special committee for that purpose.

THE "MEDICAL DIRECTORY."

F.R.C.P. writes: I see that a correspondent has called attention to the absurdity of some of the addenda to names in the *Medical Directory*. The proprietors increase the bulk of the work by inserting information which is not only unnecessary but ridiculous. For instance, if a man is a member of a local medical society it is inserted, such as "Member of the Sheffield Med. Chir. Society." Now, as this society embraces nearly every respectable member of the profession in the town, its membership is not a distinction, but merely a proof that A. B. pays £1 ls. a year. I also observe that graduates of universities are named as "Members of the University Court." Now, everybody knows that all M.D.s are members of their university court. No such redundancy as this occurs in foreign directories, and, unless it be corrected, I hope another directory will be started on more rational principles. I would insert no membership of a society which did not confer distinction, but merely implied that A. B. was a subscriber to such and such a society.

JECKS MEMORIAL FUND.

THE staff and students of University College Hospital have decided that a memorial should be established to the memory of the late Dr. Cyril Jecks, who, it will be remembered, died of diphtheria contracted in the discharge of his duties as resident medical officer to the hospital. An executive Committee, consisting of the following gentlemen, has been appointed to carry out the object: Dr. G. V. Poore, Mr. Bilton Pollard, Dr. J. Rose Bradford, Mr. H. P. Dean, Mr. W. H. Tate, Mr. E. B. Allen. Dr. J. Rose Bradford is acting as hon. secretary and treasurer. A widespread feeling exists among Dr. Jecks's friends that the memorial should take some permanently useful form, possibly the endowment of a bed, which would be a lasting benefit to the hospital in which he worked so ably. We are glad to learn that up to the present £280 has been received or promised. All subscriptions in aid of the fund should be sent to Dr. Bradford, University College, Gower Street, W.C.

COMMUNICATIONS, LETTERS, etc., have been received from:

Dr. W. A. Carline, Lincoln; K. R.; Dr. A. B. Prowse, Clifton; Mr. G. B. Stainstreet, Carrick-on-Shannon; Dr. P. M. Braidwood, Shirehampton; Mr. B. L. Freer, Birmingham; Mr. E. L. Hussey, Oxford; Dr. O. Wood, London; Dr. L. Parkes, London; Dr. Grimshaw, Greystone; Dr. Balding, Royston; Mr. J. R. Whitwell, Menston; Mrs. Fuller, Croydon; J. Battersby, M.R., Dublin; Dr. W. J. R. Knight, Cookstown; Mr. D. Devereux, Tewkesbury; Dr. L. C. de Landford, Boscombe; Mr. C. L. Todd, London; Miss N. Thompson, London; Dr. A. M. Paterson, London; A. Late House-Surgeon; Our Paris Correspondent; C. E. Hetherington, M.B., Londonderry; Delta; Mr. G. Stillingfleet Johnson, London; Surgeon-Major; Mr. A. E. Duke, Cheltenham; Sir E. Sieveking, Falmouth; Dr. H. W. Syers, London; Dr. J. H. Jones, Manchester; Dr. E. Neale, London; Mr. Lockwood, London; Mr. A. B. Norman, Oakham; Mr. D. T. Smith, Preston; Mr. F. S. Fairbridge, Edinburgh; Enquirer; Dr. A. B. Munro, Bradford; Dr. W. Sykes, Mexborough; Mr. E. Hurry Fenwick, London; Mr. G. G. Clarke, Morpeth; Dr. W. Johnstone, London; Mr. H. E. Allen, London; Dr. J.

Wilson, Kells; Dr. J. J. Hartnett, London; Mr. E. G. Peek, Queensberry; Dr. D. Biddle, Kingston-on-Thames; Dr. Chapman, Inverness; Forceps; Mr. F. A. Coward, Huddersfield; The Secretary of the Volunteer Ambulance School of Instruction, London; Mr. J. B. Gabe, Swansea; Dr. Norman Kerr, London; Mr. G. Willett, Keynsham; Mr. H. Birkenhead, Wigan; Mr. C. A. Walters, Cheltenham; Dr. T. G. Kelly, Desford; Dr. C. M. MacQuibban, Aberdeen; Dr. T. M. Bryson, Limavady; Dr. E. Willoughby, London; Dr. Rentoul, Liverpool; Rev. F. Lawrence, York; Rev. H. B. Carter, Portrush; Dr. W. J. Mickle, London; Member; Dr. R. Purnell, Wells; Messrs. Oppenheimer Brothers and Co., London; Messrs. F. Newbery and Sons, London; Mr. E. R. Rouse, London; Mr. G. M. Thompson, Belaghy; Mrs. Faulkner, Chiswick; Mr. J. L. Nevin, Ballymoney; Dr. W. Bernard, Londonderry; Mr. T. Harris, Cheltenham; Mr. B. Lane, Limavady; The Honorary Secretary of the Oldham Infirmary; Messrs. Lynch and Co., London; Mr. F. Auterson, Magherafelt; Mr. W. H. Caldwell, Coleraine; Dr. Halliburton, London; Mr. J. M. Richards, London; Mr. H. E. H. Matthews, Levenshulme; Dr. Seyfarte, Gotha; The Secretary of the Local Government Board, London; T. D. Poole, M.B., Poulton-le-Fylde; Mr. F. Hall, Storrington; J. Mason, M.B., Dowlais; Mr. D. Stanley, London; Dr. W. Robertson, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Dr. C. R. Illingworth, Accrington; Dr. G. E. Herman, London; Dr. Thresh, Chelmsford; Dr. Major Greenwood, London; Mr. W. L. Morgan, Oxford; X. Y. Z.; Professor G. M. Humphry, Cambridge; The Secretary of the New South Wales Branch of the British Medical Association, Sydney; W. R. Davison, M.B., Broughshane; Dr. R. T. Lyons, Rugby; Dr. W. W. Hardwicke, Dovercourt; Dr. C. E. G. Stalkart, Southsea; Truth; Mr. Lawson Tait, Birmingham; Dr. G. Sims Woodhead, Conway; The Secretary of the University of Durham, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Mr. S. W. Barton, Havant; Dr. P. M. Braidwood, Shirehampton; Dr. Grossmann, Liverpool; Dr. T. W. Hime, Bradford; Dr. J. A. da Gama, Bombay; Mr. E. M. Knapp, Ross; Mr. J. MacLean, Ramsbottom; A Country Member; Dr. T. Dutton, London; Dr. A. C. Sym, Edinburgh; Dr. C. Forsythe, Coleraine; Dr. J. W. Watson, Limavady; Lieutenant-Colonel Army Medical Corps; Mr. E. Roberts, Manchester; Dr. S. Archer, Southampton; Mr. G. Coombs, Southminster; Dr. J. H. Breach, Newbury; Dr. R. P. Smith, Sark; Mr. M. J. C. Marmian, Dungannon; Mr. A. V. Griffiths, Fenton; Dr. Pozzi, Paris; Mr. E. Lapper, Dublin; Mr. J. Phillips, Stamford; Mr. F. E. Hare, Aberdeen; B. Pierce, M.B., Lynton; Dr. Seaton, London; Mr. J. Haysman, London; Mr. A. Sutherland, Lerwick; Dr. A. Duke, Dublin; M.D.; Mr. H. T. Butlin, London; Dr. A. Sheen, Cardiff; Dr. Markham Skerritt, Clifton; Mr. J. W. Orr, Wellingborough; Dr. W. McGowan, Maghera; Professor W. G. Smith, Dublin; Mr. J. H. S. May, Plymouth; Dr. A. Scott, Tollcross; Dr. S. Martin, London; Dr. Arldridge, Stoke-on-Trent; Mr. L. W. Feldin, Kilchattan Bay; Dr. D. Campbell Black, Glasgow; Sir Charles A. Cameron, Dublin; Mr. W. P. Terry, Winchester; Our Egyptian Correspondent, Cairo; Dr. J. R. Bradford, London; Mr. A. Evershed, London; Mr. W. Gripper, Wallington; Third Year's Student; etc.

BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

Air-Analysis. By J. Alfred Wanklyn and W. J. Cooper. London: Kegan Paul, Trench and Co. 1890.
Madeira and the Canary Islands. By A. Samler Brown. Second Edition. London: Sampson Low and Co. 1890.

SCALE OF CHARGES FOR ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE "BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL."

Seven lines and under	...	...	...	...	£3 8 0
Each additional line	...	...	...	...	0 0 4
A whole column	...	...	...	...	1 15 0
A page	...	...	...	...	5 0 0

An average line contains seven words.

When a series of insertions of the same advertisement is ordered, a discount is made on the above scale in the following proportions, beyond which no reduction can be allowed.

For 6 insertions, a deduction of	...	...	...	10 per cent.
" 12 or 13 "	...	...	...	" "
" 24 "	...	...	...	25 "
" 50 "	...	...	...	30 "

Special terms for occasional change of copy during series:

20 per cent. if not less than 26 pages be taken	...	...	...	or their equivalent
25 "	...	52 "	...	in half or
30 "	...	104 "	...	quarter pages.

For these terms the series must, in each case, be completed within twelve months from the date of first insertion.

Advertisements should be delivered, addressed to the Manager at the Office, not later than noon on the Wednesday preceding publication; and, if not paid for at the time, should be accompanied by a reference.

Post-Office Orders should be made payable to the British Medical Association at the West Central Post-Office, High Holborn. Small amounts may be paid in postage stamps.

NOTICE.—Advertisers are requested to observe that it is contrary to the Postal Regulations to receive at Post-Offices letters addressed to initials only.