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ADULTERATION OF BEER. A late partner in one of the metropolitan breweries says: "It is quite notorious, if you drink beer at the brewery, and at a publichouse a little way off, you find it a very different commodity." Another witness, himself a London publican, states that most publicans have a system of doing something to their beer:—"It is not possible to make a living by selling beer at 3d. a-pot, for which the brewer gets 1s. a-gallon; but if a pail of 'liquor' be put into it there is that amount of profit." The beer is dashed; there is what he calls five per cent. of water put in the beer. As to spirits, the same witness states that paying 12s. a-gallon for gin, he is obliged to mix water with it to sell it at 4d. a-quartern, which is but 10s. 8d. a-gallon; and that there is added, besides the water, sugar to sweeten it. Mr. Ridley, who has been long connected with the wine and spirit trade, and who has under his management certain offices for the analysis of alcoholic liquors, states that the standard price of all the large porter brewers—and as to which there are agreements among them—is 33s. a-barrel, and five per cent. off; that is, 31s. 6d. net. The barrel is thirty-six gallons; it is increased to forty-eight gallons by the addition of water and sugar, and then sold at 3d. per pot, which yields a profit of 15s. a-barrel, while in the genuine state the profit would be about 4s. The witness had sampled the beer of a house on the Surrey side of the water, where they sell at 3d. a-pot, and draw forty-eight butts a-month, and found that, from their fraudulent process of reducing, they had a profit of forty-five per cent. The witness further states, that there are several recipes for the adulteration; such as, "to a barrel of porter, twelve gallons of liquor, four pounds of roots, one pound of salt; and then there is sometimes, to bring a head up, a little vitriol, cocculus indicus, also a variety of things so very minute that, unless they are admitted by recipes in their hands, we cannot easily detect the small proportions.—*Report of the Select Committee on Publichouses.*

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The Council of the Association will meet at half-past Seven o'Clock on TUESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER the 12th, in the Lecture Theatre of the Royal Institution, Mosley Street.

The FIRST GENERAL MEETING of the Association will be held in the same place, on WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER the 13th, at Ten o'Clock, when the President, GEORGE GWYNNE BIRD, M.D., of Swansea, will take the Chair, and afterwards resign it to the President-elect, WILLIAM JAMES WILSON, Esq., F.R.C.S., Senior Surgeon to the Manchester Royal Infirmary.

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At One o'clock the Meeting will adjourn.

The Meeting will resume its sittings at Two p.m., when the "Address in Medicine" will be delivered by JOHN CONOLLY, M.D., D.C.L., after which the Report of the Benevolent Fund will be presented.

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