

NEWS AND TOPICS OF THE DAY.

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AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. The annual meeting of the American Medical Association was held at St. Louis, Missouri, on May 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 1854, under the Presidency of Dr. Charles A. Pope, of that city. The credentials of the delegates were read, and the roll being called, two hundred delegates answered to their names. After the transaction of some business, an address was delivered by the retiring President, Dr. Usher Parsons. From the report of the meeting, we can only extract some of the more important resolutions.

The following resolution, passed at the annual meeting of the New Hampshire Medical Society, was read:—

“At the annual meeting of the New Hampshire Medical Society, held at Concord, June 1st, 1853, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

“Resolved, That it is the decided opinion of the New Hampshire State Medical Society, that no delegate should be admitted to membership in the American Medical Association, who represents a medical society which numbers among its members any person or persons who adopt as their system of practice any form of empiricism.

“Resolved, that the Secretary of this Society be instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Secretaries of each of the State Medical Societies, and to the Secretaries of the American Medical Association, previous to their next annual meeting.

“E. K. WEBSTER,
“Secretary N. H. Medical Society.”

At a subsequent stage of the proceedings, a resolution was passed by the Association—

“That a Committee be appointed to inquire what State or other Society represented in this Association are in fellowship with irregular practitioners.”

The Committee of Publication forwarded resolutions, fixing the annual assessment upon the members at three dollars, and authorising the Treasurer to erase the names of all members who shall be a year in arrears. The resolutions were adopted, after having been amended, so as to require the Treasurer, before erasing the name of any member, to issue a circular informing him of his indebtedness.

On the second day, the reports of numerous committees on subjects connected with medical science were called for. In the course of the business, the following motion was brought forward:

“Resolved, That in the opinion of this Association, the practice of professors reading lectures to their classes—no matter with how much care selected from the musty records of antiquity—is a miserable apology for teaching, is *prima facie* evidence of their inaptitude to instruct, and is inimical to medical progress.”

In commenting on the proceedings of the American Medical Association, the editor of the *Philadelphia Medical Examiner* deprecates the manner in which the presentation of reports is managed. He “regrets to perceive that a practice has grown up of holding back the presentation of reports from the meeting of the Association, under the expectation that the authors will be permitted to complete them at their leisure, and afterwards to hand them to the Committee of Publication. This indulgence, though under certain circumstances no doubt occasionally proper, may lapse into an abuse; and it appears to us that it would perhaps be best in no case to allow papers to go into the volume of *Transactions*, which are not actually presented to the Association. We should prefer, too, as a general rule, to hear all reports read *in extenso*, and not condensed into *abstracts*. Can the time of the Association be better employed than in hearing these reports? And, apart from the interest and profit which they afford, is it not proper that the Association should be made acquainted with the matter which it is about to send forth as a portion of its *Transactions*?

“Under the present system of Committees on Specialties, five years are, we believe, allowed a committee for the completion of a report. A considerable number of the committees very properly asked and obtained extension of time, and were continued. There are certain committees, however, reports from which are obviously expected at each session; and some of these were not forthcoming. We think that hereafter chairmen of committees on topics of immediate and passing interest, should either prepare reports, or make a timely transfer of their duties.”

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL. The out-patients' department in the new buildings was opened last week for the reception of patients. It is said that the medical and surgical staff of this hospital is about to be enlarged.

APPOINTMENTS.

[*An asterisk is prefixed to the names of Members of the Association.]
DALTON, W., Esq., appointed Surgeon to Cheltenham College.

OBITUARY.

[*An asterisk is prefixed to the names of those who at the time of their decease were Members of the Association.]

BELL, Dandeson C., Esq., late Inspector-General of Hospitals, H.E.I.C.S., Bombay, at 7, Darnaway Street, Edinburgh, aged 61, on August 25.

CHAMBERS, Charles, Esq., Surgeon R.N. (Retired List), aged 70, on August 6.

*DRUMMOND, George, Esq., of Brighton, at Reigate, on September 3.

FARR, William, M.D., late of Montagu Street, Montagu Square, aged 65, on August 17.

*FITCH, Frederick N., Esq., at Sible Hedingham, Essex, of Cholera, aged 37, on August 23.

HARRISON, Charles, Esq., Surgeon, at Berwick Street, Soho, aged 29, on September 2.

HELY, John J., Esq., of Ravenstone, near Ashby-de-la-Zouch, one of the Medical Officers of the Ashby Union, from drinking colchicum wine, in mistake for unmedicated sherry, lately.

MORRIS, David Thomas, Esq., at Hounslow, on August 21.

PYPER, Robert, M.D., late 4th (Royal Irish) Dragoon Guards, at 24, Grove Road, St. John's Wood, aged 84, on September 3.

STOCKS, J. Ellerton, M.D., F.L.S., Bombay Medical Service, at Nottingham, near Hull, on August 30.

SYMONDS, John, Esq., late of Oxford, for 38 years Surgeon to the Oxford Dispensary and Lying-in Charity, aged 76, at Clifton, on August 21.

TILLEY, Charles W., Esq., resident Medical Officer of the Westminster General Dispensary, eldest son of the late Charles Tilley, Esq., Commander R.N., at the Dispensary, Gerrard Street, Soho, of Cholera, aged 34, on August 27. [Cholera has been very fatal in the Soho district.]

WILLIAMS, John G., Esq., Surgeon R.N., at Greenwich, on August 31.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

D. TUNSTALL'S WORKS.
The Bath Waters: their Uses and Effects. 5s.

THE CLIMATE of BATH, in reference to Pulmonary Consumption. 2s. 6d.

London: CHURCHILL. Bath: HAYWARD.

HARVEY ON DEAFNESS.
Just published, foolscap 8vo, sewed, price 2s. 6d.

The Ear in Health and Disease. A Manual of Aural Surgery. With Practical Remarks on the Prevention and Treatment of Deafness. Wood Engravings. By WILLIAM HARVEY, Surgeon to the Royal Dispensary for Diseases of the Ear. London: HENRY RENSHAW, 356, Strand.

YORK SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.

Winter Session will commence on MONDAY, October 2, 1854.

Anatomy and Physiology Mr. Edward Allen and Mr. Hornby.

Practical & Descriptive Anatomy Mr. Hornby and Mr. North.

Surgery Mr. Keyworth.

Practice of Medicine Dr. Laycock.

Chemistry Mr. Procter.

SUMMER SESSION will commence May 1, 1855.

Materia Medica Mr. Williams.

Midwifery Mr. J. Allen and Mr. Anderson.

Medical Jurisprudence Mr. Procter.

Botany Mr. Moore.

The Introductory Address will be delivered in the Theatre of the Hospital, by Mr. HORNBY, October 2nd, 1854, at Two, P.M.

DR. LAYCOCK will include Clinical Lectures in his Course, in connection with the Practice of the York Dispensary.

Mr. HENRY will deliver a regular Course of Clinical Lectures to the Pupils entering into the Medical and Surgical Practice of the York County Hospital.

An extensive Museum of Anatomy and Pathology is annexed to the School.

Further particulars may be obtained by applying to MR. JAMES ALLEN, Secretary to the York School of Medicine; or to any of the Lecturers.

Dispensing Assistant Wanted, capable of performing the minor operations of Surgery.—Address, stating age, reference, etc., to JOHN WILLIAMS, Surgeon, Pontypool.

Wanted a situation as Assistant, by a Young Gentleman, aged 23, used to practising all the branches of the Profession.—Address E. D., Post Office, Portway, near Hereford.

The Royal London Ophthalmic

HOSPITAL, MOORFIELDS. FOUNDED 1804.—Consulting Physician, Dr. FARRE. Physician, Dr. F. J. FARRE. Surgeons, G. W. MACKMURDO, Esq., F.R.S., J. DIXON, Esq., G. CRITCHETT, Esq., W. BOWMAN, Esq., F.R.S. A. POLAND, Esq. Assistant-Surgeon, J. C. WORDSWORTH, Esq.

During the past year 10,421 Patients were treated at this Hospital, and 360 operations performed, 188 being for Cataract. The Patients are seen daily at 9 o'clock, and Operations performed on Fridays at 10.

Fee for attendance on the Practice for ONE YEAR, or with the consent of the Medical Officers for an unlimited period, £5: 5; for THREE MONTHS, £3: 3.

EAST INDIA HOUSE, August 9th, 1854.

Notice is hereby given, that the annexed CODE of REGULATIONS for the ADMISSION of CANDIDATES at the First Examination, to be held in January next, for the APPOINTMENT of ASSISTANT-SURGEONS in the Service of the EAST INDIA COMPANY, has been framed by the Board of Commissioners for the Affairs of India, under the provisions of the Act 16 and 17 Vict., cap. 95, sec. 38.

REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMISSION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT-SURGEON IN THE SERVICE OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

All natural-born subjects of Her Majesty may be Candidates for admission into the service of the East India Company as Assistant-Surgeons; they must, however, be between twenty-two and twenty-eight years of age, and of sound bodily health.

They must subscribe and send in to Dr. Scott, the Physician to the Hon. East India Company, before the 10th day of December, 1854, a declaration to the following effect.

"I [Christian and surname at full length], a Candidate for employment as an Assistant-Surgeon in the service of the East India Company, do hereby declare that I was — years of age on the — day of — last, and that I labour under no constitutional disease or physical disability that can interfere with the due discharge of the duties of a Medical Officer; and I also attest my readiness to proceed on duty to India within three months of receiving my appointment."

This declaration must be accompanied by the following documents:—

1. Proof of age, either by extract from the register of the parish in which the Candidate was born, or by his own declaration, pursuant to the Act 5th and 6th William IV, cap. 62.

2. A diploma in surgery or a degree in medicine, provided an examination, in surgery be required for such degree, from some body competent by law to grant or confer such diploma or degree.

3. A certificate of having attended two courses of lectures, of six months each, on the practice of physic, and of having attended for six months the practical and clinical instruction of the physician at some hospital containing at least, on an average, 100 in-patients, or of having attended one course of lectures of six months on the practice of physic and clinical instruction for twelve months.

4. A certificate of having attended for three months the practical instruction, given at one of the public asylums for the treatment of the insane.

5. A certificate of having attended for three months one of the institutions or wards of a hospital, especially devoted to the treatment of ophthalmic disease.

6. A certificate of having attended a course of lectures on midwifery, and of having conducted at least six labours.

7. Certificate of having acquired a practical knowledge of cupping.

Candidates may also, at their option, send in certificates of attendance at any hospitals, or on any courses of lectures in addition to the above. Attendance on a course of military surgery is recommended.

Candidates producing satisfactory certificates will be admitted to an examination, to be held in January, 1855.

The examination will include the following subjects:—

1. Surgery in all its departments.
2. Medicine, including the diseases of women and children, therapeutics, pharmacy, and hygiene.

3. Anatomy and physiology, including comparative anatomy.

4. Natural history, including botany and zoology.

The examination will be conducted—

1. By means of written questions and answers.
2. By object examinations and experiments, when the subject admits of such tests.

3. By practical examination at the bedside of the patient, and by dissections and operations on the dead body.

4. By *civit voto* examination.

The persons who shall be pronounced by the examiners to be the best qualified in all respects, shall be appointed to fill the requisite number of appointments as assistant-surgeons in the East India Company's service.

All assistant-surgeons are required to subscribe to the military or medical, and medical retiring funds at the Presidencies to which they may be respectively appointed, and to the Military Orphan Society also, if appointed to Bengal.

All assistant-surgeons who shall neglect or refuse to proceed to India under the orders of the Court of Directors, within three months from the date of their appointments, will be considered as having forfeited them, unless special circumstances shall justify a departure from this regulation.

Candidates may apply to Dr. Scott, 13, Stratton-street, for further information, if needed.

N.B. The certificates and notices as to examination herein contained apply only to the examination to be held in January next.

Regulations regarding the requirements of candidates for future examinations will be issued after the first examination.

JAMES C. MELVILLE, Secretary.

TO THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.

Dorset County Lunatic Asylum,

Forston, near Dorchester.—A Vacancy having occurred in the office of RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICER of the Dorset County Lunatic Asylum in consequence of the death of Mr. Sandon, the late Medical Superintendent. Gentlemen desirous of becoming Candidates for the Appointment, must be Members of the Royal College of Surgeons, London, and also Licentiates of the Apothecaries' Company, or Members of the Royal College of Physicians, London or Edinburgh: must have had experience in the treatment of the Insane, and the management of a Lunatic Asylum, and must not be under thirty years of age. The Salary will be £200 per Annum, with Board and Residence at the Asylum.

Candidates are requested to send their Testimonials (stating age) addressed to the Committee of Visitors of the Forston Lunatic Asylum, on or before the 15th September next, under cover to Mr. John Brown, Dorchester, Clerk to the Visitors, from whom further information may be obtained. Due notice of the day and hour of Election will afterwards be given to such of the Candidates as the Committee may select for choice, and they will be informed whether their personal attendance will then be required.

Dated the 29th August, 1854.

St. Mary's Hospital and Medical

SCHOOL.—The WINTER SESSION will commence on MONDAY, the 2nd of OCTOBER, with an Introductory Address by Dr. ALDERSON, F.R.S., at half-past Two o'Clock.

LECTURES.

Anatomy and Physiology	MR. LANE and DR. HANDFIELD JONES.
Descriptive & Surgical Anatomy	MR. HAYNES WALTON and MR. JAMES LANE.
Pathological Anatomy	DR. MARKHAM.
Chemistry	DR. ALBERT J. BERNAYE.
Medicine	DR. CHAMBERS and DR. SIBSON.
Surgery	MR. COULSON and MR. SPENCER SMITH.
Clinical Medicine	DR. ALDERSON.
Clinical Surgery	MR. URE.

SUMMER SESSION, 1855. Commencing May 1st.

Botany	DR. J. S. BURDON SANDERSON.
Material Medica	DR. SIEVEKING.
Practical Chemistry	DR. ALBERT J. BERNAYE.
Midwifery, &c.	DR. TYLER SMITH & MR. I. BAKER BROWN.
Medical Jurisprudence	MR. ANCILL.
Medical Surgery	DR. JAMES BIRD, F.R.C.S.E.
Ophthalmic Surgery	MR. WHITE COOPER.
Aural Surgery	MR. TOYNBRE.
Dental Surgery	MR. NASMYTH.
Comparative Anatomy	
Natural Philosophy	

HOSPITAL PRACTICE.—The Hospital contains upwards of 150 beds, 85 of which are devoted to Medical and the rest to Surgical Cases. This Division includes a Ward appropriated to the Diseases of Women, and also beds for Ophthalmic and Aural Cases. A Maternity department is attached to the Hospital: 218 poor Married Women were delivered at their own homes during the past year. The In-patients are visited daily by the Physicians and Surgeons at One o'Clock. Lectures on CLINICAL MEDICINE will be regularly delivered by Dr. ALDERSON, and on CLINICAL SURGERY by Mr. URE; and occasionally by the other Medical Officers in their respective departments. The Out-patients are attended daily by the Assistant Physicians and Assistant Surgeons.

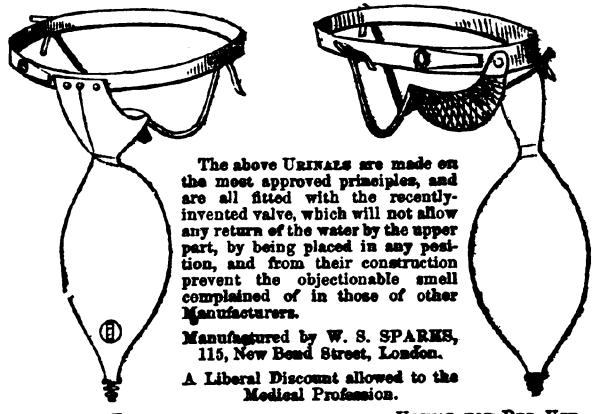
There are three Resident Medical Officers, who board in the Hospital and are appointed for eighteen months; two Non-Resident Medical Officers; a Medical and a Surgical Registrar. Clinical Clerks, and Dressers, will be selected from the best qualified Students. All the above Offices are open to competition among the qualified Perpetual Pupils of the Hospital, without extra fee.

Further information may be obtained on application to the Dean of the School, who will also furnish the names of gentlemen in practice in the vicinity of the Hospital willing to receive Pupils to reside with them.

St. Mary's Hospital, August 6th, 1854. H. SPENCER SMITH,

Dean of the School.

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