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### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

**ANDERSON, A. R., F.R.C.S.Eng.**, appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Nottingham General Hospital, *vice* James Beddard, F.R.C.S., deceased.

**GREENWOOD, E. Climson, L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng.**, appointed Public Vaccinator to St. Marylebone Parish, *vice* W. A. Sumner, deceased.

**KINGSFORD, A. B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.**, appointed Junior Assistant House-Surgeon to the Hull Royal Infirmary, *vice* S. P. Hosegood, L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng., resigned.

**LITTLE, John Fletcher, M.B.Cantab, M.R.C.P.Lond.**, appointed Honorary Physician to the St. Marylebone General Dispensary.

**MCDUGALL, W. S., M.B., C.M.Edin.**, appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle, *vice* T. C. Mickle, M.B., C.M.Edin.

**MAXWELL, M., M.B., C.M.Edin.**, appointed Resident Junior House-Surgeon to the Deaconesses' Institute, Tottenham, *vice* R. P. Brooks, M.R.C.S., resigned.

**PIETERSEN, James F. G., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.L.**, appointed Divisional Surgeon to the S Division of the Metropolitan Police, *vice* Dr. Hunter Barron, deceased.

**PROSSER, A. B.**, appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to the General Hospital, Birmingham, *vice* Mr. Garrould, resigned.

**SMITHSON, S. M.**, appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to the Royal Berks Hospital, *vice* A. E. Smithson, resigned.

**STEVENSON, L. E., B.A., M.B., B.Ch.Camb.**, appointed House-Surgeon to the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle, *vice* J. F. Haswell, M.B., C.M., resigned.

**TURNER, C. W., M.R.C.S.**, appointed Clinical Assistant to the Northumberland County Asylum.

**UNDERWOOD, A. S., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.D.S.**, appointed Professor of Dental Surgery and Dental Surgeon to King's College Hospital, *vice* A. Gibbings, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.D.S., resigned.

**WARDILL, G. J., L.D.S.**, appointed Surgeon Dentist to the Luton Friendly Societies Medical Institute.

### DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

#### THURSDAY.

**ANATOMICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND**, Theatre of the Medical School, Leeds, 4.30 P.M.—Summer Meeting. Dr. Ambrose Birmingham: Notes on the Arrangement of the Lumbar and Sacral Nerves in a Subject with six Lumbar Vertebrae. Dr. Alex. Fraser: 1. Photographical and Anatomical, Histological, and Embryological Work. 2. On Nerve Terminations in the Thyroid Gland. 3. On the Pyramidal Tracts of Certain Rodents. Dr. T. Wardrop Griffith and Dr. M. J. Oliver: On the Cutaneous Nerves of the Trunk, with special reference to Herpes Zoster. Specimens.—Mr. R. W. Reid: 1. Specimen from a Female Subject showing Cervical Ribs. 2. Fifth Lumbar Vertebra showing persistence on both sides of a suture in the Neural Arch between Upper and Lower Articular Processes. 3. Calvaria of a Tumbler from Sir Astley Cooper's collection in St. Thomas's Hospital Museum. Mr. C. B. Lockwood and Mr. F. E. Withers: Right Aortic Arch. Mr. J. J. Clarke: Abnormal Aortic and Pulmonary Valves. Mr. Mayo Collier: Specimens showing the Hyo-epiglottic Membrane. Dr. T. Wardrop Griffith and Dr. M. J. Oliver: Frozen Vertical Section of Male Pelvis. Knee-joint showing Abnormal Arrangement of Cartilages, and other specimens from the Museum.

### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

*The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s. 6d., which should be forwarded in stamps with the announcement. The first post on Thursday mornings is the latest by which advertisements can be received.*

#### MARRIAGES.

**BOYD—TOMS.**—July 25th, at Acton, Stanley Boyd, M.B., F.R.C.S.Eng., Assistant-Surgeon to the Charing Cross Hospital, etc., to Florence Nightingale Toms, M.D.

**LUNAN—SHAW.**—At Corston, Coupar Angus, on the 1st inst., by the Rev. R. C. Smith, Knox Free Church, Glasgow, Charles Smith Lunan, M.B., C.M., L.R.C.S.Eng., Blairgowrie, to Margaret Eliza Mary, eldest daughter of the late William Shaw, Esq., Finegand, Glensheie. No cards.

**ROBERTS—KETT.**—On August 1st, at St. Paul's, Cambridge, by the Rev. R. J. Roberts, father of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. H. B. Beedham, the Rev. F. J. Dickson, and the Rev. E. F. Plume, Reginald John Roberts, B.A., M.B., B.C.Cantab, of Haseling, Lowestoft, to Catharine Sarah, daughter of George Kett, Esq., of Wymondham House, Cambridge.

**SAUNDERS—JEW.**—On the 27th ult., at All Saints' Church, Forest Gate, by the Rev. — Dunscombe, William Saunders, M.R.C.S.Eng., etc., of Dudley, second son of the late James Warnes Saunders, M.R.C.S.Eng., etc., of Aylsham, Norfolk, to Sarah Matilda Jew, eldest daughter of Edward Jew, late of Upton-on-Severn.

**THOMSON—KARRAN.**—At St John's, Egremont, Cheshire, on the 6th inst., by the Rev. W. E. B. Gunn, D. G. Pearse Thomson, M.B., C.M.Edin., Penrith, to Clara, daughter of the late John Karran, Esq., Seamount, Castletown, Isle of Man. No cards.

## LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK'S JOURNAL SHOULD REACH THE OFFICE NOT LATER THAN MIDDAY POST ON WEDNESDAY. TELEGRAMS CAN BE RECEIVED ON THURSDAY MORNING.

COMMUNICATIONS respecting editorial matters should be addressed to the Editor 429, Strand, W.C., London; those concerning business matters, non-delivery of the JOURNAL, etc., should be addressed to the Manager, at the Office, 429, Strand, W.C., London.

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

CORRESPONDENTS not answered are requested to look to the Notices to Correspondents of the following week.

MANUSCRIPTS FORWARDED TO THE OFFICE OF THIS JOURNAL CANNOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES BE RETURNED.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.—We shall be much obliged to Medical Officers of Health if they will, on forwarding their Annual and other Reports, favour us with Duplicate Copies.

### QUERIES.

#### SACCHARIN.

H.C.R. asks if any, and if so what, bad effects have been noticed after prolonged use of saccharin.

#### WEIR-MITCHELL TREATMENT IN HOSPITAL.

JOURNAL asks for information as to hospitals, etc., where a surgeon suffering from neurasthenia could be received for treatment by the Weir-Mitchell plan, and the fees he would have to pay for a month's treatment. He is not able to afford much.

### ANSWERS.

#### THE EXAMINATION FOR D.P.H. CAMBRIDGE.

A COUNTRY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH asks whether a fortnight's course of practical work in a London laboratory in hygiene, in testing, qualitative, and quantitative analyses, etc., would be a sufficient preparation for the oral and practical portion of the examination in sanitary science at the University of Cambridge?

\*.\* A fortnight's work would hardly be sufficient. Although the analytical knowledge required at the examination is very elementary, and a practical acquaintance with quantitative analysis is not expected, not less than a month should, as a rule, be devoted to practical preparation. Candidates are expected to show sufficient theoretical knowledge of quantitative work to enable them to interpret the reports of professional analysts; they must be able to make rough qualitative examinations of samples of water and air; and they require some experience in hygienic microscopy.

#### THE TREATMENT OF SWEATING FEET.

P. writes: This subject keeps cropping up every few months in the JOURNAL. I have the same affliction when I am careless, and here is how I cure myself: I find that when I drink a lot of liquids of any sort my feet sweat, and I spend half my time changing my socks and washing my feet. But when I cut down my "drinkables" to one-half, in two days my feet are dry, and remain so as long as I exercise this self-restraint. I have used zinc oxide and various other applications without permanent advantage.

### NOTES, LETTERS, ETC.

#### DR. BROWN-SÉQUARD'S EXPERIMENTS.

A MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION writes: You have not done me justice by your note on my circular relative to Dr. Brown-Séquard's experiments. Much as I disapprove of the animal torture in question, I should not have felt it my duty to print and post some 6,000 copies of my protest had that been all. I consider the idea of injecting the seminal fluid of dogs and rabbits into human beings a disgusting one, and when the treatment also involves the practice of masturbation, I think it is time for the medical profession in England to repudiate it. One may be a vivisector without also encouraging a loathsome vice, but as far as I could discover no word of protest was uttered by the leaders of medical opinion, and I determined to take the thing into my own hands, with the effect, as I have good reason to believe, of making it very improbable that this method of pretended rejuvenescence will be introduced into England. I have a great number of encouraging letters from eminent Englishmen, who will take good care of this, at least. Vivisection may be an open question, but self-abuse is not.

#### OIL OF WINTERGREEN IN RHEUMATISM.

MR. JAMES D. STAPLE, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., writes: During my two years' period of house-surgery at the Stockport Infirmary, I used a liniment composed of equal parts of olive oil and oil of wintergreen locally in nearly forty cases of rheumatism. In the acute cases it was painted over the joints, and in the chronic ones well rubbed into the affected parts. After the application of the oil, the joint was wrapped in cotton-wool and lightly bandaged. This liniment eased the patients very considerably, and several of them went to sleep soon after its use. In the majority of cases pain ceased for some five or six hours after it was applied. The internal treatment adopted for these cases was salicylate of soda. In the acute cases large and in the chronic small doses of this drug were used. I would recommend oil of wintergreen very strongly as a local application in all forms of rheumatism.

## THE JONES INDEMNITY FUND.

THE following additional amounts have been received in answer to an appeal published in the JOURNAL of July 20th, on behalf of Dr. Jones, of Edmonston:

	£	s.	d.
Lennox Browne, Esq. ....	1	1	0
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Further contributions may be sent to Dr. J. W. Hunt, 101, Queen's Road, Dalston, N.E. Dr. Jones's expenses were over £80.

## POST-GRADUATE COURSE IN LONDON.

DR. VINCENT D. HARRIS (Physician to the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park), writes: With reference to the letter of "Scientia," in the JOURNAL of August 3rd, on the subject of post-graduate courses in London, may I be permitted to draw attention to the fact that the practice of the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park, is about to be opened to practitioners, as well as to students, for systematic instruction in the diagnosis and treatment of chest diseases, on the payment of a small fee?

The hospital, as is well known, has a very large practice, both in-patient and out-patient. With it have been associated in the past the honoured names of Peacock, Risdon Bennett, Andrew, Erichsen, and others, and our present highly respected senior physician, Dr. Thorowgood, has long been connected with it.

It must be confessed, however, that hitherto the traditions of the hospital have not been to encourage systematic clinical teaching. The Committee of Management have this year, at the request of the Medical Committee (strongly urged thereto by Dr. Heron), consented that the unsurpassed clinical material shall in the future be made available for teaching purposes.

It will thus be seen that another of the largest special hospitals is opened to gentlemen who, like "Scientia," "feel the need of a brushing up" in certain of the subjects connected with clinical medicine.

## ARSENICAL POISONING AND COMMON SENSE.

SURGEON-MAJOR N. ALCOCK, M.S. (Military Prison, Dublin) writes: Having regard to the cases of poisoning by arsenic which have occurred during recent years by accident or design, it would seem a common-sense precaution that all tasteless poisons should be mixed with some innocuous substance of a distinct taste. This might be made congenial to the palate of the rat, and such as would not interfere with the condition-powders of the horse-coper. It would go far towards preventing those of weak moral nature being led into temptation.

## POLYCLINIC.

MR. RUSHTON PARKER (Liverpool) writes: Your employment and correct spelling of the word "polycliniques," in the Occasional Column of the JOURNAL of August 3rd, 1889, p. 262, gives opportunity to furnish an additional paragraph of literary interest in attempting to settle the spelling of the second syllable, which on English and American pages appears to be more often wrong than right. Even in Dr. Byrom Bramwell's excellent *Studies in Clinical Medicine*, No. 1, p. 1, "polyclinic" appears. The term first came to my notice in German periodicals, and, owing to inattention to the spelling, was erroneously supposed by me to mean "composite," or "promiscuous" clinic (as if from *πολύς*, many), until a German friend reminded me that it means "town" clinic (*πολις*), that is, out-patient department. Whether the word "polyclinic" should be used at all or not I do not pretend to advise, but a little advertising may at least serve to extinguish its illiterate substitute "polyclinic."

## IMPERIAL POSTAGE AND THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

THE *Imperial Federation* commenting on the action of the British Medical Association in forwarding copies of the JOURNAL to the Colonies at the inland rate of postage of one penny, observes:—"While offering our hearty congratulations to the Council, we would only suggest that they should send the Postmaster-General a resolution to go and do likewise. As long as we place Kirkwall and St. Heliers on the same footing as the suburbs of London, but sextuple the charge to Melbourne, it is useless to make abstract proclamation of the fact that our Colonial brethren are as dear to us as if they dwelt in Surrey or Hampshire."

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