

Society, stating that he (Dr. Callender) had been appointed medical officer to the combined societies in Inverness on the terms proposed by the Medical Society. As the letter never came back to the address it was sent from, the strong presumption is that it reached Dr. J. Munro Moir, and that he knew the true facts of the case months before the Medical Society report was written.—We are, etc.,

J. CALLENDER,  
Medical Officer.  
JAMES CORNET,  
Hon. Secretary.

Inverness, Aug. 31st.

#### PORTSMOUTH: THE ORDER OF RECHABITES.

We mentioned in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of August 29th, p. 529, the excellent work which the Portsmouth Medical Union has done in bringing about an improvement in the relation between medical men and sick clubs, and an increase in the rates of remuneration paid. There has been for some time a contest open between the medical men resident in Portsmouth and the Independent Order of Rechabites. The surgeon to the Order demanded payment at the rate of 4s. a year for each member, juvenile as well as adult. In the JOURNAL of August 1st, p. 301, we called attention to the nature of the conflict, and pointed out that it would be to the disadvantage of the medical profession as a whole were the Rechabite Order to succeed in obtaining a medical officer from a distance at a rate of payment lower than that which the profession on the spot considered reasonable.

We regret to learn, from what appears to be a ballot paper, that four candidates tendered for the appointment at the rate of 3s. 6d. for adults and 2s. for juveniles, one candidate at the rate of 4s. for adults and 2s. for juveniles, and one at the rate of 3s. for adults and 1s. 9d. for juveniles. Dr. T. Raitt, according to the *Southern Daily Mail*, has been elected, the rate specified being 3s. 6d. for adults and 2s. for juveniles. If the profession of medicine is to be rescued from the fate which seems imminent, the fate of sinking to be the underpaid servants of all sorts of orders, clubs, and companies, it must be by a general recognition of the serious nature of the encroachment, and the establishment of a stronger *esprit de corps* within our ranks, a feeling which would in time render it impossible for any self-respecting medical practitioner to accept such positions.

#### LITERARY NOTES.

MESSRS. J. AND A. CHURCHILL notify that they will publish the following works at an early date: *The Surgery of the Alimentary Canal*, by Alfred E. Maylard, M.B.Lond., F.F.P.S. Glasg., Surgeon to the Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow. A large number of plates illustrate the text, and cases are recorded where particular injury or disease of a region require it. The fourth edition, thoroughly revised and enlarged, of *The Microtometist's Vade Mecum: A Handbook of Methods of Microscopic Anatomy*, by Mr. Arthur Bolles Lee; and *Dental Materia Medica, Pharmacology, and Therapeutics*, by Charles W. Glassington, M.R.C.S., L.D.S. Edin., Senior Dental Surgeon, Westminster Hospital, Lecturer on Dental Materia and Therapeutics at the National Dental Hospital, with a chapter on the Anæsthetics used in Dental Surgery by Dr. Maughan.

THE CALCUTTA MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At a meeting of this Society held on July 8th, Dr. Bolye Charan Sen, the newly-elected President, delivered an interesting address on the history and work of the Society, which has now completed its sixteenth year. One of the most important contributions to medical knowledge which the Society was instrumental in evoking was the paper on the Hepatic Cirrhosis of Children, which was read by Dr. B. C. Sen himself, and which led to important observations by Dr. Gibbons and others, establishing beyond question the fact of extensive prevalence and great fatality of this condition among Bengali children. Surgeon-Captain Pilgrim, M.B., read an interesting paper on four cases of yaws among Indian coolies returned from Fiji. This is the first time that this form of disease has been observed in India.

## ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

### NOTICE OF LAST QUARTERLY MEETING FOR 1896. ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

A MEETING of the Council will be held on October 21st, 1896. Candidates for election by the Council of the Association must send in their forms of application to the General Secretary not later than twenty-one days before that meeting—namely, October 1st, 1896.

Any qualified medical practitioner, not disqualified by any by-law of the Association, who shall be recommended as eligible by any three members, may be elected a member by the Council or by any recognised Branch Council.

Candidates seeking election by a Branch Council should apply to the Secretary of the Branch. No members can be elected by a Branch Council unless their names have been inserted in the circular summoning the meeting at which they seek election.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary.*

### LIBRARY AND READING ROOMS.

#### NOTICE.

THE Library will be closed on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, September 14th, 15th, and 16th, for the purpose of cleaning.

### BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH.—The autumn meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Thursday, September 24th, under the presidency of A. R. Manby, M.D. There will be a luncheon at 2 P.M., the meeting to take place at 3 P.M. Afternoon tea will be provided at the Hospital of the Chelmsford Rural District Council after the meeting. Gentlemen desirous of joining the Association or the East Anglian Branch, and members intending to read papers, are requested to communicate at once with either of the Honorary Secretaries, EDGAR G. BARNES, Eye; MICHAEL BEVERLEY, Norwich; THOMAS CARR, Braintree.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTH BRANCH.—The next meeting (clinical) will be held at the General Hospital, Swansea, on Thursday afternoon, September 24th.—ALFRED SHEEN (Cardiff), D. ARTHUR DAVIS (Swansea), Honorary Secretaries.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.—The autumnal meeting of this Branch will be held at the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Tuesday, September 29th, at 4.30 P.M. Notice of papers, etc., should be sent at once to the Honorary Secretary. The dinner after the meeting will be held at the Douglas Hotel, at 6 P.M., 6s. 6d. each, without wine.—G. E. WILLIAMSON, F.R.C.S., Honorary Secretary, 8, Eldon Square, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

### BRITISH GUIANA BRANCH.

THE third quarterly meeting of the year of the British Guiana Branch of the British Medical Association was held at the Public Hospital, Georgetown, on August 13th, Dr. ANDERSON (President) in the chair. Thirteen members present.

*Election of New Members.*—The election of three new members, Drs. Dickson, Wills, and Wishart, was announced.

*The Case of Mr. R. B. Anderson.*—Dr. HONIBALL proposed:

That this Branch wishes to record its sympathy with Mr. R. B. Anderson for the undeserved position in which he has been placed, in respect for the stand he has made against legalised injustice, and votes the sum of £10 from the Branch funds as a contribution towards his expenses.

This motion was seconded by Dr. PALMER ROSS (Surgeon-General) and carried unanimously. It was agreed that a further contribution should be raised by subscriptions from the members.

*Communications.*—Dr. BARNES then read a paper on The Prevalence of Syphilis in the Colony. An animated discussion followed, in which most of the members present took part.

*Specimens.*—Specimens were shown by Dr. ANDERSON of an extensively Fractured Skull; by Dr. DANIELS of the adult Filaria Bancrofti *in situ* in a Hæmorrhagic Tumour of the Cord, of the Male and Female under the microscope, and of