

the floor. They used the prescribed remedies in a case of this sort, but without avail. There was nothing in the condition of the patient to suggest any danger whatever. She was apparently a strong woman. Death was probably due in this case to failure of the heart's action. The jury returned a verdict of "Death from misadventure," and expressed the unanimous opinion that no blame was attached to the medical man who had administered the anæsthetic.

An inquest was held at Wolverhampton on August 14th on Mary Jane Feltell, aged 35, of Accrington, who died in the Women's Hospital while under chloroform, which had been administered for the purpose of an operation. Dr. Edge, Honorary Surgeon at the Women's Hospital, said he examined the deceased and considered that an operation was necessary. Dr. Joberns administered chloroform, and witness was about to perform the operation. In a minute, however, after the chloroform had been given the deceased became pale, her eyes dilated, and her pulse stopped. Artificial respiration was resorted to, but she died. Dr. A. McMunn, who made a *post-mortem* examination, said the heart was affected by fatty degeneration, and death was due to syncope caused by the action of chloroform vapour. Witness considered that the condition of the deceased was proper for an operation. A verdict in accordance with Dr. McMunn's evidence was returned.

An inquest was held at Chatham on August 14th on the body of Joseph Howie, aged 32, chief stoker on H.M.S. *Pembroke*, who died while under the influence of chloroform when undergoing an operation. The jury found that death was due to misadventure.

We are indebted to Mr. W. L. Garner, House-Surgeon to the Children's Hospital, Nottingham, for the following particulars of a case of death under chloroform which recently occurred in that institution:—On August 23rd, E. H., aged 3 years, was admitted to the Children's Hospital, Nottingham, under the care of Dr. Lewis Marshall, suffering from epiphysitis (probably tuberculous in nature) of the right femur. Fluctuation was easily obtainable above the internal condyle on the inner side of the thigh, and behind in the upper part of the popliteal space. Chloroform was administered the next day by the house-surgeon, the child taking it quietly and well. Dr. Marshall then proceeded to operate, and had almost finished when the child's breathing suddenly became shallow and quickly stopped, the pulse at the time being regular and of good volume, and the pupils not dilated. The operation was at once suspended and artificial respiration performed, strong ammonia being held to the nostrils. At first the means used seemed likely to be effectual, as the child made two natural respirations in about three minutes, but the improvement was only temporary. Hot sponges were then applied to the chest, an enema of hot brandy and water (2 ozs.) was given, and the patient inverted, but no further effort at respiration was made on the part of the child. The radial pulse was perceptible for quite half an hour after cessation of respiration, and only gradually failed. Artificial respiration was maintained for fifty minutes before hope was finally abandoned. The child had taken chloroform a month previously without any ill-effect. He was badly nourished, and was only just recovering from a prolonged attack of whooping-cough. No *post-mortem* examination was made. The chief point of interest in the case lies in the cessation of respiration so long before cardiac failure.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

COUNCIL.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

A MEETING of the Council will be held in the Council Room of the Association, at No. 429, Strand (corner of Agar Street), London, on Wednesday the 20th day of October next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary*,

September, 1897.

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR 1897.

A MEETING of the Council will be held on October 20th, 1897. 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 the meeting—namely, September 30th.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

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*.

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH.—The autumnal meeting will be held at Aldeburgh on Thursday, September 16th, 1897. Programme: A discussion will be introduced on the subject of Consultations with the Officers of Medical Aid Associations. Luncheon by invitation of the President in the Jubilee Hall. After luncheon Mr. Walter D. Severn (West End Pathological Laboratory, London) will deliver a short lecture on Bacteriological Methods, Koch's Postulates, etc., illustrated by a limelight lantern with photomicrographic slides of bacteria, etc., and will demonstrate about 300 pure cultivations of bacteria, yeasts, moulds, and hair and skin fungi; and various preparations of bacteria mounted and stained will be shown under microscopes. Mrs. Marshall, M.D., will read a paper on a Case of Exfoliation of the Bladder. Mr. T. H. Morse, F.R.C.S., will read a paper on a Case of Cæsarean Section for Transversely Contracted Pelvis. After the meeting afternoon tea at Westhill, to which all members of the Branch and the ladies who may be with them will be welcomed by the President.—EDGAR G. BARNES, M.D., Eye. MICHAEL BEVERLEY, M.D., Norwich, THOMAS CARR, M.D., Baintree, Honorary Secretaries.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.—The autumnal meeting will be held at Bishop Auckland on Thursday, October 7th, at 5.15 P.M. The dinner after the meeting is fixed for 6 P.M., 6s. 6d. each, without wine. Notice of communications should be sent to the Honorary Secretary, G. E. WILLIAMSON, F.R.C.S., 8, Eldon Square, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SHROPSHIRE AND MID-WALES BRANCH.—The annual general meeting will be held at the Salop Infirmary on Tuesday, October 12th, 1897, at 3 o'clock. Members wishing to bring forward any business, to read papers, or show cases or specimens, or to propose any new members are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary not later than Saturday, October 2nd.—H. WILLUGHBY GARDNER, Honorary Secretary, Swan Hill, Shrewsbury.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SURREY DISTRICT.—The next meeting of this District will be held at the White Hart Hotel, Reigate, on Thursday, October 14th, at 4 P.M., C. E. Oldman, M.D., of Blechingly, in the chair. Dinner at 6 P.M.; charge 7s. exclusive of wine. All members of the South-Eastern Branch are entitled to attend and to introduce professional friends. The following papers, etc., have been promised: Dr. Washbourn: The Present Position of Bacteriology in reference to Practical Medicine. Mr. W. Arbuthnot Lane: Adenoids. Dr. George Stoker: The Oxygen Treatment, with Exhibition of Apparatus, Lantern Demonstration of Cases, Bacteriology, Oxygen Cicatrices, Lantern Slides, etc. Members desirous of exhibiting specimens or reading notes of cases are invited to communicate at once with the Honorary Secretary, HENRY J. PRANGLEY, Tudor House, Anerley.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SUSSEX DISTRICT.—The next meeting will be held at the Sackville Hotel, Bexhill, on Tuesday, September 28th, at 3.30 P.M., Dr. Wills in the chair. A paper on Syphilitic Diseases of the Eye will be read by Mr. H. E. Juler. Dinner at 5.30 P.M.; charge 6s., exclusive of wine. Notice of intended communications should be sent to the Honorary District Secretary, J. W. BATERHAM, M.B., Grand Parade, St. Leonards.

NORTH WALES BRANCH.—The autumn intermediate meeting will be held at the Waterloo Hotel, Bettws-y-coed, on Thursday, September 30th, 1897.—SAMUEL GRIFFITH, M.D., Portmadoc.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.—The autumn clinical meeting will be held at the Cardiff Infirmary on Wednesday afternoon, September 29th. Notices of papers, cases, etc., to be sent in not later than Wednesday, September 22nd.—A. SHEEN, D. ARTHUR DAVIES, Honorary Secretaries.

PRESENTATION.—Mr. John Wood, M.A., M.B., on leaving the neighbourhood and resigning his position as Senior Physician to the Walsall and District Hospital, has been presented with an ebony and gold clock, accompanied by an illuminated address, by members of the Hospital Committee and a few other friends.