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correct, taken in conjunction with the rest of the report and statistical statement; but, in reference to those patients discharged cured without operation, we desire to offer an explanation. These cases include all those treated by caustic, or any method other than the knife, écraseur, or cautery; in each of these groups there are most cancerous cases. We considered the statistical statement fully explained this, but short extracts taken from a document intended to be read as a whole, and even these quoted incorrectly, are calculated to mislead. In one instance you have substituted the word "cured," when that used by us is "relieved," and we cannot think that anyone reading the statistical statement, and our report thereon, would be likely to interpret it in the light you have done; however, we are prepared to admit, now that our attention has been drawn to it, that it would be better for the non-cancerous cases to be more distinctly separated, and in future reports this will be done.

We claim no special knowledge regarding the treatment of cancer beyond that which is gained by a large field of observation, and constant familiarity with the disease, and have distinctly stated that we have no faith in any specific for its cure.

We are, etc.,
 ALEX. MARSDEN.
 JAMES HAYWARD.

Cancer Hospital, Brompton, July 4th, 1873.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.

THE twenty-first annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the banqueting-hall, Alexandra Park, on Tuesday, July 15th, at 3 P.M. President for 1872-73, Sir WILLIAM FERGUSSON, Bart., F.R.S.; President-elect for 1873-4, RICHARD QUAIN, M.D., F.R.S.

At half-past 5 P.M. precisely, the members will dine together; RICHARD QUAIN, M.D., F.R.S., in the Chair. Tickets, fifteen shillings each (including ices, tea, coffee, and attendance, and exclusive of wine).

A. P. STEWART, M.D. }
 ALEXANDER HENRY, M.D. } *Honorary Secretaries.*

London, June 18th, 1873.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE CANCER HOSPITAL.

SIR,—I am quite ready to confess that the fact of my having very recently joined the staff of the Cancer Hospital, and having for the first time to sign a report, does not exonerate me from having done so without examining the statements contained therein too critically. It may excuse a certain degree of remissness, but it does not relieve me from the responsibility. And inasmuch as I desire, before all things, to make no statements of any experience of mine to the profession or to the public not amply warranted by the facts, I beg to say on my own part that I disclaim a knowledge of any cure for cancer other than by operation, so far as that may be called a cure.

I know no method, although we have tried many new agents purporting to be remedies, which has any specific influence on the disease, or which is not known equally by others; and I make no claim to any knowledge except that which the treatment of numerous examples of the disease, and the natural interest in it arising therefrom, confer.

I trust this statement will rectify any mistaken impression which my signature to the document in question may have produced; and I do not hesitate to express my regret that my name was attached to it, since I now see it affirms more than I am able to subscribe to.

I am, etc., J. FOSTER.

13, Upper Wimpole Street, W.

THE CANCER HOSPITAL REPORTS.

SIR,—From your observations, and comments made thereon, it appears that our report for the year 1872 is considered to convey an erroneous impression of the work done at the Cancer Hospital. We much regret that such is the case, and can assure you that nothing was further from our intention. In explanation, we will quote the passages referred to, in order to make ourselves more fully understood.

"Of the in-patients, it is most gratifying to find that fifty-four were discharged with disease arrested or relieved; eighty-nine were successfully operated on, and discharged well; thirty-eight were discharged cured without operation. On the other hand, of seventy-two who when admitted were in a hopeless state, forty-two died, and there remained in the hospital, at the end of the year, fifty-three."

In regard to these statements, we can only repeat that they are strictly

MEDICAL NEWS.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—

- AMERSHAM RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT—Medical Officer of Health: £100 for one year. Applications to Henry Bedford, Esq.
 AXBRIDGE RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT—Four Medical Officers of Health: £50 per annum, each, for two years.
 BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH PRISON—Surgeon: £100 per annum. Applications to Messrs. Gem and Hebbert.
 BOURNEMOUTH GENERAL DISPENSARY—Resident Surgeon: £100 per annum, furnished apartments, etc.
 CARNARVON UNION—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Llanrug District: £60 per annum, and fees. Applications to John Thomas, Esq.
 CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL—Assistant-Physician.
 CHESTER Urban and Rural and other Sanitary Districts—Medical Officer of Health: £600 per annum. Applications to John Walker, Esq., Town Clerk.
 CORNWALL—Public Analyst.
 DERBY COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM—Assistant Medical Officer: £100 per annum, lodgings, etc.
 DUNMOW Rural, and other Sanitary Districts—Medical Officer of Health: £700 per annum. Applications to Wm. Thurgood, Esq., Saffron Walden.
 GENERAL HOSPITAL, Birmingham—Resident Medical Officer: £100 per annum, board, and residence. Applications to W. T. Grant, Esq.
 HALIFAX INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY—Assistant House-Surgeon: £40 per annum, board, and lodging.
 H.M.'S INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE—Eleven Surgeons.
 HINCKLEY UNION—Medical Officer for the Burbage District: £60 per ann.
 INFIRMARY FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Margaret Street, Cavendish Square—Visiting Physician.
 LEEDS URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT—Medical Officer of Health: £400 per annum. Applications to Capel A. Curwood, Esq.
 LEICESTERSHIRE INFIRMARY AND FEVER HOUSE—House-Surgeon and Apothecary: £120 first year, rising £10 per annum to fourth year, board, apartments, and washing.
 LONDON PORT SANITARY DISTRICT—Medical Officer of Health: £400 per annum till 25th March next.
 MANORHAMILTON UNION—Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births, etc., for the Manorhamilton Dispensary District: £100 per annum, and fees. Applications to John Tate, Esq., Deer Park, Manorhamilton.
 NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE—Assistant-Surgeons.
 NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE INFIRMARY, Hartshill—House-Surgeon: £80 per annum, increasing to £10 per annum, board, etc.
 NORTHUMBERLAND LUNATIC ASYLUM, Morpeth—Assistant Medical Officer: £100 per annum, furnished apartments, board, and washing. Applications to Richard Wilson, Esq.
 PENRITH RURAL AND URBAN SANITARY DISTRICTS—Medical Officer of Health: £300 per annum.
 ROYAL BERKS HOSPITAL, Reading—Assistant-Physician.
 ROYAL ISLE OF WIGHT INFIRMARY, Ryde—House-Surgeon and Secretary: £40 per annum, board, etc.
 SAFFRON WALDEN, DUNMOW, etc., SANITARY DISTRICTS—Medical Officer of Health: £700 per annum.
 ST. GEORGE'S URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT: £50 per annum for two years. Applications to J. W. Young, Esq., Royal Insurance Buildings, Bristol.
 ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY FOR WOMEN and CHILDREN, Manchester—Medical Officer: £60 per annum, board and residence.
 ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL FOR STONE, etc.—House-Surgeon.
 SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL, Greenwich—Visiting Surgeon.
 SHEFFIELD UNION—Medical Officer for the South East District: £40 p. ann.
 STAMFORD, RUTLAND, and GENERAL INFIRMARY—House-Surgeon, Apothecary, and Secretary: £100 per annum, board, lodging, and washing.
 STRATFORD-ON-AVON Rural, combined with several other Rural and Urban Sanitary Districts—Medical Officer of Health: £600 per annum. Applications to J. C. Warden, Esq.
 THIRSK RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT—Medical Officer of Health: £50 for one year.
 WEST HERTFORDSHIRE INFIRMARY, Hemel Hempstead—House-Surgeon and Assistant-Secretary: £100 per annum, furnished rooms, etc.