

MILLS, Thomas Ingham, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., appointed Third House Surgeon to the Huddersfield Infirmary.
MOORE, E. H., L.R.C.S. Edin., L.S.A., reappointed Medical Officer to the Workhouse of the Falmouth Union.
PERCIVAL, Thomas, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.S.A., appointed Medical Officer for the Knottingley District of the Pontefract Union, *vice* T. Johnson, L.R.C.P. Edin., L.F.P.S. Glasg., resigned.
POOSON, W., F.R.C.S.Eng., reappointed Medical Officer of Health for the Leeds Rural Sanitary Authority.
POWELL, A. F. M., M.B., C.M. Edin., appointed Medical Officer for the First Sedgeley District of the Dudley Union.
STORRS, C. S., B.A., M.B., B.C. Cantab., appointed House-Physician to the North Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, N.E.

DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY.

LONDON POST-GRADUATE COURSE, Bacteriological Laboratory, King's College, W.C., 3 to 5 P.M.—Lecture. Tetanus, Rabies, and Cholera. Practical Work: Examination of Comma Bacilli, Chemical and other Tests. London Throat Hospital, Great Portland Street, 8 P.M.—Dr. Edward Woakes: Ear Diseases in Infancy and Childhood.

TUESDAY.

ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY, 8.30 P.M.—Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Lawrie: On the Results of the Hyderabad Chloroform Commission.

THE CLINICAL MUSEUM, 21, Great Portland Street.—Open at 2, Lecture at 4.

WEDNESDAY.

POST-GRADUATE LECTURES, Metropolitan Hospital, N.E., 5 P.M.—Dr. Haig: Anæmia.

OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 8 P.M.—Mr. Heape (Balfour Student at the University of Cambridge) will give a demonstration of microscopical specimens illustrating the Menstruation of *Semnopithecus Entellus*. Specimens will be shown by Dr. Remfry, Dr. Lea, and others. Dr. Remfry: Remarks on Foetal Retroflexion; reports on a specimen showing origin of Gluteus Maximus from Occipital Bone. Dr. Giles: The Temperature after Delivery in Relation to the Duration of Labour. Dr. Herman: On the Change in Size of the Cervical Canal during Menstruation.

POST-GRADUATE COURSE, West London Hospital, Hammersmith Road W., 5 P.M.—Dr. Seymour Taylor: Cases of Chlorosis, etc.

FRIDAY.

WEST LONDON MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY, West London Hospital, 8.30 P.M.—Annual general meeting. Presentation of annual report and balance-sheet. Election of officers and Council for session 1894-95. President's Valedictory Address.

OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, 8 P.M.—Mr. Spencer Watson: A New Operation for Trichiasis and Distichiasis. Mr. Arthur H. Benson: A Case of Asteroid Hyalitis. Dr. A. Bronner: Notes on a Case of Sympathetic Ophthalmia after Concussion of Eyeball, with no Visible External Wound. Mr. Walter Jessop: Complete Closure of Lids after (?) Diphtheritic Ophthalmia. Mr. Lawford: A Short Note on the Use of Liquor Chlori in Ocular Therapeutics.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s. 6d., which sum should be forwarded in post-office order or stamps with the notice not later than Wednesday morning, in order to insure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTHS.

EAST.—On June 20th, at Enderley, Great Malvern, the wife of C. H. East, M.D., of a son.

WRIGHT.—On June 23rd, at 4, Full Street, Derby, the wife of J. Lister Wright, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BERWICK-PENNEY.—On June 26th, at St. John's Episcopal Church, Dumfries, by the Rev. J. R. Denham, George Berwick, M.D., of Sedburgh, Yorks, to Marion Alice, elder daughter of the Rev. Canon Penney, D.C.L., of Rothesay.

LONG-CLARKE.—On June 19th, at Duntsebourne Rous, Gloucestershire, by the Rev. D. Long, of Broadway, Dorset, and the Rev. F. A. Clarke, David Sanderson Long, M.D. Cantab., to Isabel Dashwood, the youngest daughter of the late Frederick Ricketts Clarke, of Taunton.

TROUT-ABELL.—On June 19th, at Edgbaston Old Church, Birmingham, by the Rev. F. Edwards, M.A., Joseph Henry Ensor Trout, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., etc., of Monument Road, Birmingham, to Helen Elizabeth, second daughter of the late John Abell, of Barton-under-Needwood, formerly of Norbury Manor, Salop.

DEATH.

SCOTT.—On June 14th, at 1, St. Chad's Gardens, Headingley, Leeds, George Reynolds Schofield Scott, L.R.C.P. Lond. (late of Ripley Lodge, Wortley), eldest son of the late William Scott, M.R.C.S.E., Holbeck, Leeds.

IN MEMORIAM.

POULAIN.—In gracious memory of Victor Poulain, M.D. Heild., M.R.C.S. Eng., late of 124, Fulham Road, South Kensington, June 29th, 1893.

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.

In order to avoid delay, it is particularly requested that all letters on the editorial business of the JOURNAL be addressed to the Editor at the Office of the JOURNAL, and not to his private house.

AUTHORS desiring reprints of their articles published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL are requested to communicate beforehand with the Manager, 429, Strand, W.C.

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, answers, and communications relating to subjects to which special departments of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL are devoted will be found under their respective headings.

ANSWERS.

A. DE B.—This is a matter of excise, upon which we cannot offer an opinion.

F. W. C. AND S. E. J.—The giving of such testimonials is contrary to professional usage, but *de mortuis nil nisi bonum*.

CRITIC.—We are informed that the words "palatinoid" and "bipalatinoid" were coined for purposes of registration only. The origin of the term "palatinoid" is merely that the product practically resembles the palate in shape, and is thus easily swallowed. The "bipalatinoid" is a double palatinoid, being divided by a septum of jujube for the purpose of separating two incompatible ingredients which become liberated when the envelope is dissolved in the stomach.

THE ELECTION OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF DISPENSARIES.

W. J. L.—All the dispensaries and institutions supported by voluntary contributions with which we are acquainted are governed by a regular committee and have established rules and regulations, and it is by the authority of these alone that such a question as that propounded by our correspondent could be answered correctly. It is a very usual procedure to re-elect retiring officers; but some institutions specially forbid this by their rules, so that it is quite impossible to give reliable information on this subject without knowledge of the rules of this particular dispensary.

CONSULTING-ROOM CHAIR.

DR. R. M. FRASER (Belfast) writes: In reply to "Lambda's" query in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of June 9th, after experience and observation of several varieties of couches, I can recommend the following form: A plain couch with four stout legs, length 4 ft. 4 in., breadth 2 ft. 1 in., height 2 ft. 7 in., well stuffed with hair and covered with best American cloth. From the foot two parallel boards with depressions for heels at the end can be drawn out, and the head should not be more than 5 inches higher than the rest of the couch. The heel rest permits the tallest patient to stretch on it as well as a gynaecological examination in dorsal position, and by the low head examination in the lateral-prone position can be accomplished. The couch can be modified by a drawer at the side, divergent rests, etc. The work should be entrusted to an honest and practical tradesman. My own was made to my satisfaction by T. McGimpsey and Co., Albertbridge Road, Belfast.

NOTES, LETTERS, Etc.

ERRATA.

In the description of Dr. Le Page's axis tractor published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of June 23rd, p. 1367, there are two obvious printer's errors. In the thirteenth line from the end of the article read "and so pressure on the anterior brim is avoided," and in the sixth line from the end read "whilst undue force would" etc.

In the article on a new British Epileptic Colony published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of June 16th, p. 1371, the cost of the site for the New York Colony in the Genesee Valley should have been stated as 125,000 dollars, and the number of epileptics in New York State as 12,000. It should also have been stated that it was hoped that the British Epileptic Colony would eventually be aided by funds from public sources.

SUICIDE IN PORTUGAL.

STATISTICS published by the *Jornal das Sciencias Medicas* of Lisbon show that the number of suicides in Portugal is steadily increasing. Taking only the cases registered as suicide, it is found that in 1888 the number of such cases was 16; in 1887, 29; in 1886, 27; in 1885, 39; in 1880, 45; in 1891, 32; in 1892, 42; and in 1893, 62.