

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING.

THE sixty-ninth annual meeting of the British Medical Association will be held at Cheltenham on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 30th, 31st, August 1st, and 2nd, 1901.

President: WILLIAM ALFRED ELLISTON, M.D., Consulting Surgeon East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital.

President-Elect: GEORGE BAGOT FERGUSON, M.D., Senior Surgeon, Cheltenham Hospital.

President of the Council: JOHN ROBERTS THOMSON, M.D., F.R.C.P.Lond., Consulting Physician to the Royal Victoria Hospital and to the National Sanatorium for Diseases of the Chest, Bournemouth.

Treasurer: ANDREW CLARK, F.R.C.S., Surgeon to the Middlesex Hospital and Lecturer on the Principles and Practice of Surgery.

An Address in Medicine will be delivered by JAMES FREDERICK GOODHART, M.D., LL.D., Consulting Physician, Guy's Hospital.

An Address in Surgery will be delivered by Sir WILLIAM THOMSON, M.D., F.R.C.S.I., Surgeon to the Richmond Surgical Hospital, and Surgeon in Ordinary to Her Majesty the Queen in Ireland.

The Scientific Business of the Meeting will be conducted in thirteen Sections, as follows, namely:

A.—MEDICINE.

President: EDWARD THOMAS WILSON, M.B., F.R.C.P. *Vice-Presidents:* RAYNER W. BATTEN, M.D., F.R.C.P.; SAMUEL WEST, M.D.; OSCAR CLARK, M.B. *Honorary Secretaries:* ROBERT KIRKLAND, M.B., 5, Crescent Terrace, Cheltenham; FREDERICK JOHN SMITH, M.D., 138, Harley Street, W.

B.—SURGERY.

President: REGINALD HARRISON, F.R.C.S. *Vice-Presidents:* HENRY EDWARD WADDY, M.R.C.S.; GILBERT BARLING, F.R.C.S.; WILLIAM ROBERT BUCKELL, F.R.C.S. *Honorary Secretaries:* FREDERICK WILLIAM STORRY, M.R.C.S., Dirleton House, Stroud, Gloucester; HERBERT BRAMWELL, M.D., F.R.C.S.Edin., 32, Promenade, Cheltenham; JOHN MURRAY, F.R.C.S., 110, Harley Street, W.

C.—OBSTETRICS AND GYNÆCOLOGY.

President: Professor JOHN WILLIAM BYERS, M.D. *Vice-Presidents:* ALFRED SQUARE COOKE, M.R.C.S.; WILLIAM DUNCAN, M.D. *Honorary Secretaries:* MISS EVELINE A. CARGILL, M.D., Lansdown Lodge, Lansdown Road, Cheltenham; COMYNS BERKELEY, M.D., 53, Wimpole Street, W.

D.—STATE MEDICINE.

President: SHIRLEY MURPHY, M.R.C.S. *Vice-Presidents:* GEORGE HAYNES FOSBROKE, D.P.H.; ARCHIBALD KERR CHALMERS, M.D. *Honorary Secretaries:* JOHN HENRY GARRETT, M.D., 24, Promenade, Cheltenham; JOHN CHARLES JACKSON, D.P.H., Town Hall, Fulham, S.W.

E.—PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.

President: JAMES BEVERIDGE SPENCE, M.D. *Vice-Presidents:* JAMES GREIG SOUTAR, M.B.; JAMES CHAMBERS, M.D. *Honorary Secretaries:* MAURICE CRAIG, M.D., Bethlem Royal Hospital, Lambeth Road, S.E.; ARTHUR ALLEN DEYKIN TOWNSEND, M.R.C.S., Barnwood House, Gloucester.

F.—ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY.

President: Professor ALEX. MACALISTER, M.D., F.R.S. *Vice-Presidents:* THOMAS SMITH ELLIS, M.R.C.S.; WILLIAM HENRY THOMPSON, M.D., F.R.C.S. *Honorary Secretaries:* ERNEST CHRISTISON CARTER, M.D., Napier House, Pitville Gates, Cheltenham; RICHARD JAMES ARTHUR BERRY, M.D., 4, Howard Place, Edinburgh.

G.—PATHOLOGY AND BACTERIOLOGY.

President: JOHN WICHENFORD WASHBOURN, M.D. *Vice-Presidents:* HAROLD J. STILES, M.B.; Professor RUBERT WILLIAM BOYCE, M.B. *Honorary Secretaries:* WALTER SYDNEY LAZARUS-BARLOW, M.D., Westminster Hospital, S.W.; EDGAR GEORGE TREVITHICK, M.D., 24, Promenade, Cheltenham.

H.—OPHTHALMOLOGY.

President: WALTER HAMILTON HYLTON JESSOP, F.R.C.S. *Vice-Presidents:* ERNEST DYKES BOWER, M.R.C.S.; JOHN TATHAM THOMPSON, M.B. *Honorary Secretaries:* RAYNER DERRY BATTEN, M.D., 124, Harley Street, W.; JOHN ALEX. BOWER, M.B., Portland House, Cheltenham.

I.—DISEASES OF CHILDREN.

President: FREDERICK EVE, F.R.C.S. *Vice-Presidents:* CHARLES FIRMIN CUTHBERT, M.R.C.S.; EDWARD MANSEL SYMPSON, M.D. *Honorary Secretaries:* A. GRAHAM FOLJAMBE FORSTER, M.D., 4, Imperial Square, Cheltenham; FREDERICK E. BATTEN, M.D., 124, Harley Street, W.

J.—LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.

President: T. MARK HOVELL, F.R.C.S.Edin. *Vice-Presidents:* ARTHUR WIGELSWORTH ORWIN, M.D.; ROBERT HENRY WOODS, M.B. *Honorary Secretaries:* WILLIAM LAMB, M.D., 22, Temple Row, Birmingham; JAMES CHRISTOPHER REGINALD BRAINE-HARTNELL, M.R.C.S., Cotswold Sanatorium, near Stroud.

K.—TROPICAL DISEASES.

President: Major RONALD ROSS, I.M.S. (retired). *Vice-Presidents:* WILLIAM JOHNSON SMITH, F.R.C.S.; JAMES CANTLIE, F.R.C.S. *Honorary Secretaries:* MAX F. SIMON, M.D., C.M.G., The Hunters' Inn, Heddons Mouth, near Barnstaple, Devon; JOHN FRANCIS JOHNS, M.D., 3, Lansdown Place, Cheltenham.

L.—NAVY, ARMY, AND AMBULANCE.

President: Deputy-Surgeon-General W. G. DON, M.D. (ret.), A.M.S., *Vice-Presidents:* ANDREW CLARK, F.R.C.S., Surgeon-General THOMAS O'FARRELL, A.M.S. *Honorary Secretaries:* Surgeon-Captain WILLIAM BALFOUR FERGUSSON, M.D., Hazelbury House, Painswick; Surgeon-Captain THOMAS HUGH DICKSON, M.B., H.M.'s Customs House, Lower Thames Street, E.C.

M.—DERMATOLOGY.

President: JOHN JAMES PRINGLE, M.B. *Vice-Presidents:* EDWARD DILLON MAPOTHER, M.D., WALLACE BEATTY, M.D. *Honorary Secretaries:* ALFRED EDDOWES, M.D., 28, Wimpole Street, W.; D. G. McLEOD MUNRO, M.B., 1, Oriol Villas, Cheltenham.

The *Honorary Local Secretaries* are: Mr. G. ARTHUR CARDEW 5, Fauconberg Villas, Cheltenham; S. TRISTRAM PRUEN, M.D., Sherborne Lodge, Cheltenham; W. W. GROSVENOR, M.D., Clarence Street, Gloucester.

PROGRAMME OF PROCEEDINGS.

TUESDAY, JULY 30TH, 1901.

- 9.30 A.M.—Meeting of 1900-1901 Council.
- 11 A.M.—Church Service.
- 2.30 P.M.—First General Meeting. Report of Council. Reports of Committees; and other business.
- 8.30 P.M.—Adjourned General Meeting from 2.30 P.M. President's Address.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31ST, 1901.

- 9.30 A.M.—Meeting of 1901-1902 Council.
- 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.—Sectional Meetings.
- 2.30 P.M.—Second General Meeting.
- 8 P.M.—Address in Medicine.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1ST, 1901.

- 9.30 A.M.—Meeting of Council.
- 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.—Sectional Meetings.
- 2.30 P.M.—Third General Meeting. Address in Surgery.
- 7 P.M.—Public Dinner of the Association.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2ND, 1901.

- 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.—Sectional Meetings.
- 2.30 P.M.—Concluding General Meeting.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD, 1901.
Excursions.

COUNCIL.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

A MEETING of the Council will be held in the Council Room of the Association at 429, Strand (corner of Agar Street), London, on Wednesday, the 16th day of January, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Dec. 26th, 1900.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary*.

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF COUNCIL FOR 1901.

MEETINGS of the Council will be held on January 16th, April 17th, July 10th, and October 23rd. 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 each meeting—namely, March 28th, June 20th, and October 2nd.

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.*

THE LIBRARY.

THE Council Room will be required for the purpose of meetings of Committees of the Association on Wednesday next, January 9th, and therefore the Library will be closed on that day.

STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH.

THE first general meeting of the session was held at Stoke-on-Trent, on November 29th, 1900, Dr. ALFRED H. CARTER, President, in the chair. Nineteen members were present.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last general meeting were read, approved, and signed.

Decay of Teeth Committee.—Copies of the report of the Committee of the Council of the Association on the early decay of teeth were laid on the table by the Secretary for distribution.

Proposed Reconstruction of Branch.—The Council were instructed to consider the question as to whether or not the time had now arrived for a dissolution and reconstruction of the Branch, and to report thereon at the next general meeting.

Papers.—Mr. W. D. SPANTON read notes made during the International Medical Congress in Paris, 1900.—Mr. T. VINCENT JACKSON read a brief recital of a case of chondro-carcinoma of the right testicle, for which castration was performed.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH.

A MEETING of this Branch was held at St. Boswells on December 21st, 1900. In the unavoidable absence of the President (Dr. Highet), Dr. SOMERVILLE (Galashiels) was unanimously voted to the chair. Fifteen members were present.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

New Members.—The following gentlemen were elected members of the Association and Branch: John Clark, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., Cleator Moor; William Eadie, M.B., Ch.B. Edin., Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle; Isaac Fletcher, M.B., C.M., D.P.H. (Glas.), Workington; and Charles McKerron, M.B., C.M. Glas., Workington.

Vote of Condolence.—On the motion of Dr. SOMERVILLE (Galashiels), seconded by Dr. HAMILTON (Hawick), the following resolution was passed unanimously:

That the members of the Border Counties of the British Medical Association desire to record their sincere sympathy with the family of the late Dr. James Menzies (Galashiels), and to express their sense of the great loss which the Branch has sustained by his death; and that the Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the family of the deceased.

Communications.—Dr. SOMERVILLE (Galashiels) showed a small metal box that had been swallowed by a boy, aged 12, and had passed through his alimentary canal in about 21 hours. He also read a paper on the presence of foreign bodies in the bronchi. Dr. CULLEN and Dr. HENDERSON made remarks.—Dr. MAIR (Hawick) opened a discussion on tuberculosis, in which Drs. YOUNG, HAMILTON, CULLEN, and FISHER

also took part.—Dr. MACGREGOR (Jedburgh) showed (1) a patient with free movement of knee-joint after an injury which exposed the joint and severed the ligamentum patellæ; (2) specimen of lymphadenoma from inguinal region; (3) temperature chart from a case of infective endocarditis.—Dr. CALVERT (Melrose) read notes of a case of general paralysis, in which he had given enormous doses of hydrobromate of hyoscyne regularly for six months, gradually increasing the dose up to $\frac{1}{4}$ gr. hypodermically each night; this was, so far as he could ascertain, the largest dose of this drug that had ever been given, and he had noticed no ill effects from it.—Dr. YOUNG (Earlston) read notes of a case of exophthalmic goitre in a man, the supposed result of lightning shock.—Dr. CULLEN (St. Boswells) read (1) notes on an obscure nervous case, and (2) notes on a case in which scirrhus and tubercle were co-existent in the female breast.—Dr. HENDERSON (Galashiels) read notes on a case of rupture of a tubo peritoneal abscess.

Dinner.—After the meeting the members dined together in the Railway Hotel.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH.

THE third ordinary meeting was held in the Birmingham Medical Institute, December 13th, 1900, Dr. MILNER MOORE, the President, being in the chair. Sixty members and one visitor were present.

New Members.—The following gentlemen were elected members of the Branch, namely, W. Murray, M.D. (Edgbaston), J. R. Pooler, L.S.A. (Birmingham), and J. R. Ratcliffe, M.B. (Moseley).

(A report of the scientific proceedings will be found at p. 18.)

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

PARIS.

The Annual Public Meeting of the Académie de Médecine: Eulogy of Charcot.—The Treatment of Consumption by Cacylic Acid or its Salts.—Small-pox Statistics.

THE annual public meeting of the Académie de Médecine, which had been postponed as a mark of respect to the memory of the late M. Bergeron, the perpetual Secretary, was held on December 18th. This, the last public meeting in the old buildings, Rue des Saints-Pères, was very largely attended. (A fire broke out in the library shortly before the meeting, but was quickly extinguished, the damage not being serious, though had it occurred later in the day the results from panic might have been disastrous.) Professor Marey was in the chair, and Dr. Vallin, the annual Secretary, opened the proceedings by reading the general report on the prizes awarded during the year, calling especial attention to the number of awards given for works on tuberculosis. In 1899 it was expected that the new buildings would have been ready for this meeting, but the Exhibition absorbed all the available building materials; the inauguration will, however, take place at an early date. The Secretary then spoke a few words about each of the members who had died since the last annual meeting—Ferrand, Gustave Planchon, Alphonse Milne-Edwards, Cadet de Gassicourt, Weber, and, lastly, Bergeron. The following new members were elected during the year—MM. Champetier de Ribes, Hutinel, Sevestre, and Yvon. The President having proclaimed the names of the many prize winners, called on Professor Debove, who in a masterly way pronounced a eulogium on Charcot. As an intimate friend and pupil of Charcot, Professor Debove, who was present at his death seven years ago, was able to give a complete and intensely interesting account of the life and work of his master, who was one of the glories of the Académie de Médecine, and occupied such an important place in medicine during the nineteenth century. The front seats in the hall were occupied by members of Charcot's family, surrounded by their many friends and his old pupils. The meeting and oration will long be remembered by those who had the privilege to be present.

With regard to a recent interview with Professor Armand Gautier published in the *Daily Telegraph* on the treatment of