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British Medical Association.

ANNUAL MEETING, BELFAST, 1909.

THE PATHOLOGICAL MUSEUM.

The following Committee has been appointed to organize the pathological museum :

President : Professor W. ST. CLAIR SYMMERS.

Honorary Secretaries : THOMAS HOUSTON, M.D. ;

W. J. WILSON, M.D.

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| C. G. LOWRY, M.D. | Professor McWEENEY (Dublin). |
| J. E. MACILWAINE, M.D. | Professor MOORE (Cork). |
| JOHN M'LEISH, M.B. | C. H. NESBITT, M.D. (Randals- |
| W. J. MAGUIRE, M.D. | town). |
| J. C. RANKIN, M.D. | Professor O'SULLIVAN (Dublin). |
| FRED. SMYTH, M.D. | R. T. ROWLETTE, M.D. (Dublin). |
| ERNEST WALES, M.D. | Professor WHITE (Dublin). |
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| (Lurgan). | blayney). |

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.

The President-elect : Sir WILLIAM WHITLA, M.D., LL.D.

The Local Honorary Treasurer : JOSEPH NELSON, M.D.

The Local Honorary Secretaries : H. L. MCKISACK, M.D. ; C. E. SHAW, M.D. ; HOWARD STEVENSON, F.R.C.S.I.

The Committee propose that the material should be arranged under the following heads :

- I. Exhibits bearing on discussions and papers in the various sections.
- II. Specimens and illustrations relating to any research work.
- III. Instruments relating to clinical diagnosis and pathological investigation.
- IV. Individual specimens of special interest, or a series illustrating some special subject.

It is also proposed to make a special effort to gather together a series of exhibits relating to :

- (a) Tuberculosis.
- (b) Diseases of warm climates.
- (c) Cancer of the uterus.
- (d) X-rays and photography.

The Committee wish it to be understood that the above are only suggestions, and if there is any subject in which Members are specially interested, and of which interesting specimens can be supplied, they will be glad to hear from them

The Museum will occupy a central position, and will be easy of access.

It is hoped that it will be possible for arrangements to be made whereby exhibitors may have an opportunity of demonstrating their specimens.

THOMAS HOUSTON,

W. J. WILSON,

Honorary Secretaries.

Communications should be addressed to one of the Honorary Secretaries at Queen's University, Belfast.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

GRANTS.

The Council of the British Medical Association is prepared to receive applications from members of the Medical Profession for Grants in aid of Researches for the Advancement of Medicine and the Allied Sciences.

The Grants are made subject to the following conditions

1. That the work of the Grantee shall be subject to inspection by the Science Committee of the Association.

2. That each Grantee shall furnish to the Science Committee, on or before May 15th following the allotment of the grant, a report (or, if the object of the grant be not then attained, an interim report, to be renewed not later than the same date in each subsequent year until the final report is presented) containing :

- (a) A statement, in a form satisfactory to the Science Committee, of the results arrived at, or the stage which the inquiry has reached ;

- (b) A statement of expenditure incurred, accompanied by vouchers as far as possible ;

- (c) A reference to any Transactions, Journals, or other publications in which the results of the research have been announced.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Council of the British Medical Association is also prepared to receive applications for Research Scholarships, as follows :

1. AN ERNEST HART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, of the value of £200 per annum, for the study of some subject in the department of State Medicine.

2. THREE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS, each of the value of £150 per annum, for research in Anatomy, Physiology, Pathology, Bacteriology, State Medicine, Clinical Medicine, or Clinical Surgery.

Each Scholarship is tenable for one year, but is renewable by the Council, provided that the whole period of tenure shall not exceed three years.

The Scholarships are awarded subject to the following conditions:

1. That the work of the Scholar shall be subject to inspection by the Science Committee of the Association.
2. That he shall furnish the Science Committee, on or before May 15th following the grant of the Scholarship, with a statement of the work done by him.
3. That he sign an undertaking to abide by the above and other regulations affecting Scholarships, a copy of which will be supplied to him.

Applications.

Applications for Grants and Scholarships for the year 1909-10 must be made, not later than May 27th, 1909, in the prescribed form, a copy of which will be supplied on application to the Medical Secretary, 429, Strand, London, W.C.

Each application should be accompanied by a recommendation from the head of the laboratory in which the applicant proposes to work, setting out the fitness of the candidate to conduct such work and the probable value of the work to be undertaken. This is not intended, however, to prevent applications for Grants in aid of work which need not be performed in a recognized laboratory.

J. SMITH WHITAKER, *Medical Secretary.*

429, Strand, W.C.,
March, 1909.

Meetings of Branches & Divisions.

[The proceedings of the Divisions and Branches of the Association relating to Scientific and Clinical Medicine, when reported by the Honorary Secretaries, are published in the body of the JOURNAL.]

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH.

An ordinary meeting was held at the Medical Institute on Thursday, March 11th, Mr. F. MARSH, the President, being in the chair, and 20 members present.

Annual Report.—The report of the Branch to the Central Council on the membership and financial position of the Branch, and on its proceedings during the year 1908, was considered and approved.

Demonstration.—Mr. GEORGE HEATON showed a patient in whom a liver abscess had burst through the right lung, leaving a fistula through which large quantities of bile were coughed up. The man was a painter aged 25. His illness started with pain in the left hypochondrium and left side of the abdomen, with fever and general malaise. This continued for seven weeks. A rigor then followed, and pain in the right side of the chest and abdomen. Ten days afterwards he was suddenly seized with suffocating dyspnoea, and coughed up large quantities of grumous pus. He then brought up daily bile-stained pus, and finally large quantities of pure bile mixed with frothy pus. A diagnosis of liver abscess bursting into a large bronchus, and opening also one of the larger bile ducts, was made. Under local eucaine anaesthesia a rib was excised, and the hepatic abscess drained through the diaphragm. The expectoration of bile, which had been as much as 35 fl. oz. a day, at once ceased, and he gradually made a complete recovery. Mr. Heaton called attention to the extreme rarity of a biliary fistula through the lung, and discussed the probable causes of the original liver abscess.

Papers.—Dr. W. A. POTTS read a paper on the origin of the feeble-minded, which was discussed by Dr. MANN, Dr. AGAR, Dr. BELCHER, and Dr. HENTON-WHITE. Dr. POTTS replied. Mr. J. FURNEAUX JORDAN read a paper on certain cases of haemorrhage from the uterus. This was discussed by the PRESIDENT, Dr. SMALLWOOD SAVAGE, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Dr. LYDALL. Mr. J. FURNEAUX JORDAN replied.

CENTRAL DIVISION.

A SPECIAL and a general meeting of this Division was held at the Medical Institute on March 16th at 3.30 p.m. Mr. GAMGEE was in the chair, and there were twenty-five other members present.

Special Meeting.

Earlier Election of Representative.—The CHAIRMAN, having declared the meeting special, moved the alterations of the rules necessary to enable the Division to elect the Representative earlier than is at present possible:

1. In Rule 7, alter "three months" to "nine months."
2. In Rule 11, "Business of Annual Meeting," omit Section (b).

These alterations were unanimously agreed to.

Vote of Thanks to Former Representative.—A letter from Dr. Foxcroft, tendering his resignation as Representative, was read, and it was resolved:

That this meeting of the Division accepts Dr. Foxcroft's resignation with regret, and tenders to him its best thanks for his past services as Representative.

Election of Representative.—The SECRETARIES announced that the Executive had nominated Dr. Kirby as Representative, and, no further nominations being made by the meeting, he was pronounced duly elected. This concluded the special business.

General Meeting.

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

Report of Representative.—Dr. KIRBY then moved the resolution standing in his name:

That the Representative shall submit his report to the first general meeting of the Division held after the Annual Representative Meeting.

This was seconded and carried unanimously. The following additional resolution was also carried:

That the Executive Committee be instructed to bring this resolution before the next special meeting of the Division as a proposed addition to the Rules of the Division.

Medical Inspection of School Children.—On the Medico-Political Committee's report on the medical inspection of school children and the treatment of those found defective considerable discussion arose. To the questions submitted to the Division the following answers were finally adopted:

Question 1.

That in the opinion of this Division medical inspectors giving their whole time to the duties should be paid by salary; those only giving part time should be remunerated according to the time spent on the work.

Question 2.

Resolution 1.—That this Division emphatically disapproves of the treatment of school children in school clinics, as it considers that the available medical and surgical skill is fully adequate to meet all reasonable requirements.

Resolution 2.—This Division considers that, should school clinics be established, the staff should consist of all medical practitioners in the neighbourhood who are willing to serve, and that they should be paid according to the time spent on the work.

Question 3.

As this question only applies to rural districts it was not considered.

Question 4.

That this Division looks to the Education Authority to devise efficient means to ensure that parents, who can afford to pay for the treatment of their children when found defective as the result of the medical inspection of school children, should be compelled to do so.

Whole-time Medical Officers.—To the question submitted, "That medical officers of health should be debarred from engaging in private practice," the Division gave the answer—

That this is desirable wherever practicable.

Certificates of Suitability for Hospital Treatment.—The recommendation "That a medical certificate of suitability for hospital treatment be required as a condition of hospital treatment, except in case of casualties," was unanimously agreed to, and the Division "strongly disapproved" of the two motions referred on the "contributions to hospitals by employers of labour and employees."

Fresh Public Medical Institutions.—The motion on the subject of fresh public medical institutions was unanimously approved.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRANCH.

A GENERAL meeting of the Branch was held at the Cheltenham Hospital, on March 18th, at 7 p.m., the PRESIDENT in the chair, and twenty-two members present.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Cases.—Dr. S. M. HEBBLETHWAITE showed a case of achondroplasia, which was discussed by the PRESIDENT, and Messrs. BRAMWELL, CARDEW, PRUEN, CUTHBERT and COLLINS. Mr. ARTHUR CARDEW showed a dermoid cyst of the broad ligament, which was discussed by the PRESIDENT, and Messrs. CUTHBERT, HOWELL, COOKE, and BRAMWELL.

Paper.—Dr. C. BRAINE-HARTNELL read a paper on the early diagnosis and treatment of some forms of pelvic obstruction. A discussion followed in which the PRESIDENT, and Messrs. CARDEW, BRAMWELL, and PRUEN took part.

Dinner.—Fifteen members afterwards sat down to dinner at the Cosy Corner.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH:

BURY AND ROCHDALE DIVISIONS.

A JOINT meeting of these two Divisions was held on March 17th in the Navigation Hotel, Heywood, Dr. HITCHON, Chairman of the Rochdale Division, presiding. There were present Drs. Hitchon, Melvin, Kerr, Walker, Geddes, and Brown, of the Rochdale Division, and Drs. J. B. Kerr, Greenhalgh, and Turnbull, of the Bury Division.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last two joint meetings were read and approved.

The Work of the Central Council.—Dr. GARSTANG, of Altrincham gave an interesting address on the work of the Central Council. A vote of thanks, moved by Dr. BROWN and seconded by Dr. J. B. KERR, was passed unanimously.

Grouping of Divisions.—It was agreed that the Bury and Rochdale Divisions should be grouped together for the purposes of representation at the annual meeting. Dr. Brown, of Bacup, and Dr. Greenhalgh, of Bury, were elected Representative and Deputy Representative respectively.

Assistant Medical Officer of Health to Bury.—The SECRETARY of the Bury Division read a letter from the Secretary of the Branch Council (Mr. Larkin), inquiring as to the cause of failure to obtain the minimum salary in the case of the recent appointment. The Secretary was instructed to reply that the failure was in some measure due to the opposition of the Chairman of the Health Committee, who is a member of the British Medical Association, and that the joint meeting, while disapproving of his action, requests the Branch Council to deal with the matter as it deems expedient. The Secretary was also instructed to write to the new assistant medical officer of health explaining his position in relation to the recognized policy of the Association.

Medical Certification of Suitability of Hospital Patients.—The Representative was instructed to support the recommendation of the Council.

Contributions to Hospitals through Insurance Companies.—No definite pronouncement was made.

Fresh Public Medical Institutions.—The recommendation of the Council was agreed to.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH:

LAMBETH DIVISION.

A GENERAL meeting of this Division was held in the Evelina Hospital on Thursday, March 18th, at 4 p.m.; Dr. ATKINSON was in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Medical Officers of Health.—A communication from the Public Health Committee *re* whole-time medical officers of health was received, and, after considerable discussion and proposed amendments, the following resolution, proposed by Dr. DENNING and seconded by Dr. HERBERT TAYLOR, was carried *nem. con.*:

That the Lambeth Division of the British Medical Association considers that medical officers of health should not be debarred from engaging in private practice in the case of small towns and country districts.

Paper.—The CHAIRMAN then called upon Mr. GOADBY to read his paper upon Illnesses Influenced by Oral Sepsis. An interesting discussion followed, and a very practical point which arose out of it in regard to treatment was to

the effect that in the case of septic stumps in the mouth it was highly dangerous to have more than quite a few of them removed at a time. Mr. Goadby quoted several cases in which the extraction of 7, 8, or more such septic stumps had led to so increased an auto-infection that the patient had succumbed within a short time afterwards from pyaemia, purpura haemorrhagica, and other most unfortunate complications. There were many other points of interest in the paper, but they were too many to summarize briefly in minutes.

Coroners and the Medical Profession.—The CHAIRMAN drew the attention of the meeting to the fact that each member of the Division had received a communication from the Medico-Political Committee *re* coroners and the medical profession, and requested members individually to interest themselves in the matter, and send any information they might have at their disposal either to the Medical Secretary, Dr. Smith Whitaker, or the Secretary of the Lambeth Division, Dr. Herbert French.

Suitability of Patients for Hospital Treatment.—It was proposed by Dr. FRENCH, seconded by Dr. TAYLOR, and carried unanimously:

That the Lambeth Division considers that a medical certificate of suitability for hospital treatment should be required as a condition of hospital treatment, except in the case of casualties.

Fresh Public Medical Institutions.—It was proposed by Dr. DENNING, seconded by Dr. TAYLOR, and carried unanimously:

That the Lambeth Division considers that it is desirable that no fresh public medical institution should be opened without previous consultation with the local medical profession through some organized body, such as the Division of the British Medical Association, in the area of which it is proposed to establish such new institution, and that it be an instruction to the Council to give effect to this principle in considering applications from Divisions or Branches for support in dealing with hospital questions.

Memorandum from the Branch Council.—Attention was called by the CHAIRMAN to the draft memorandum on the proposed Federated Societies' Medical Benefit Association by the Council of the Metropolitan Counties Branch of the British Medical Association, and members were urged to do all in their power to dissuade members of the profession from lending any support to a scheme so injurious to the real interests of the community.

Votes of Thanks.—Hearty votes of thanks both to Mr. Goadby for his paper and to the governors and Secretary of the Evelina Hospital for the kind arrangements that had been made for the holding of the meeting there, were proposed from the chair and carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5.40 p.m.

STRATFORD DIVISION.

A MEETING was held on Thursday, March 18th, at the Alexandra Hotel, Stratford, E., Dr. SPURRELL presiding, in the unavoidable absence of the Chairman.

An Address.—Mr. E. E. HENDERSON gave an address on the diagnosis and treatment of some inflammatory affections of the eye, and, after discussion, was awarded a very hearty vote of thanks.

Memorandum from the Branch Council.—The draft memorandum on the proposed Federated Societies' Medical Benefit Association by the Council of the Metropolitan Counties Branch of the British Medical Association was then considered, but, after full discussion, no decision was come to in the matter.

SOUTHERN BRANCH:

GUERNSEY AND ALDERNEY DIVISION.

A MEETING was held on Friday, March 12th, Dr. E. L. ROBINSON, President, in the chair. There were also present Major Myles, R.A.M.C. (President-elect), and Drs. Aikman, Bishop, Brehaut, Conrad Carey, Carruthers, Collings, de Jersey, and Bulteel (Honorary Secretary).

Apologies for Non-attendance.—Apologies were received from Dr. Bisson, Colonels Mosse and Robinson, and Dr. Wallace.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting, held on February 1st, were read and confirmed.

Lunacy Laws.—There were produced by the Secretary the English Lunacy Act of 1890, the Guernsey Lunacy Ordinance of 1903, a letter from Dr. Manning, of Salisbury,

and a letter from the Medical Secretary of the Association, enclosing copies of the protective clauses in the English Act, and the report of the Association's special commissioner on the subject in 1906. It was resolved that a committee of five members, Drs. Benson, Bulteel, Corbin, de Jersey, and Robinson, be appointed to go into the whole question and report subsequently to the Division their recommendations, and that they be empowered to continue in office, if necessary, beyond the next annual meeting and until their labours are completed.

Divisional Library.—Communications were read from the Science Committee through the Medical Secretary. Drs. Aikman, Bulteel, and Carruthers were appointed a Library Committee, and instructed to draft rules for management of the library, and to submit a list of recommended purchases, according to the available funds, out of lists suggested by members.

Earlier Appointment of Representatives.—The communication hereon from the Organization Committee having been read, notice was given by the SECRETARY that he would confer with the Jersey Division, which was part of this constituency, with a view to each Division submitting an amended rule of similar nature at the annual meeting of both Divisions.

Whole-time Medical Officers of Health.—A memorandum from the Public Health Committee on this subject was read, and it was resolved that, in this Division's opinion, medical officers of health should be debarred from engaging in private practice, where possible.

Midwives Act.—It was resolved that, as the Midwives Act is not in force in Guernsey, this Division feels unable to express any opinion thereon.

Medical Certification for Hospital Treatment.—On the question of medical certificates being considered a necessary condition of hospital treatment, except in Poor Law cases, it was resolved that it be an instruction to the Representative to reply in the affirmative.

Contributions to Hospitals by Employers and Employees.—So many and grave difficulties were apprehended in this report that it was found impossible to come to any decision.

Fresh Public Medical Institutions.—The statement of the Hospitals Committee herein was read, and their proposition against such institutions being opened without previous consultation with the local medical profession. It was ordered that the reply be in the affirmative.

Medical Referees to Sanatoriums.—The reference from the Representative Meeting of the undesirability of local practitioners holding, or continuing to hold, appointments as honorary local medical referees to the National Association for the Establishment and Maintenance of Sanatoriums for Workers suffering from Tuberculosis was read. It was resolved that this Division assents thereto.

School and Compensation Certificates.—No certificates from hospitals with a view to compensation are issued here, as the Workmen's Compensation Act does not apply. No certificates are issued for fitness or unfitness for school except on order of the Board of Education (generally for ringworm), and for which a fee of 2s. 6d. is paid.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH.

A MEETING of this Branch was held at the Royal Eye and Ear Hospital, Bradford, on Wednesday, March 10th, Dr. R. TURNER (York), President, in the chair.

Adoption of Minutes.—Dr. BRONNER (Honorary Secretary) read the minutes of the last meeting, which were adopted.

The Referendum.—Dr. SINCLAIR WHITE (Sheffield) proposed and Dr. MOSSOP (Bradford) seconded that the President and Secretary should be empowered to sign a petition to the Privy Council, asking for an amendment in the Charter to the clauses relating to the Referendum. This was adopted *nem. con.*

The Report for the Year.—The annual reports and financial statements of the Branch and its constituent Divisions for the past year were presented.

New Members.—The following were elected to the membership of the Association: Ernest Woodhead Blackburn, M.B., Ivy House, Barnsley; James Grahame Campbell, M.D., Brantwood, Rotherham; Henry J. Clarke, jun., M.B., 53, Hall Gate, Doncaster; George O. Gauld, M.B., Elvington, York;

William Bertram Hill, M.D., The Mount, Harrogate; James Blacklay Lockerbie, M.B., The Cliffe, Osley Road, Bradford; Thos. Stephen MacSwiney, M.B., Monk Bretton, Barnsley; James K. W. Morris, M.B., Treton, Sheffield; Matthew Bertram Potts, M.B., Dean House, West Vale, Halifax; William J. Burns Selkirk, M.B., Children's Hospital, Bradford; Annie Florence Theobalds, M.B., Poor Law Hospital, Halifax; Arthur Henry Thomas, M.B., Boroughbridge, Yorks; Robert McLeod Veitch, M.D., The Esplanade, Harrogate.

Papers.—Dr. CAMPBELL (Bradford) read a paper entitled "Some Remarks on Graves's Disease." Dr. Campbell pointed out that whilst myxoedema was a comparatively rare disease in the West Riding of Yorkshire, in fact not more often met with than might be accounted for by importation and by the occasional passage of exophthalmic goitre into myxoedema, yet Graves's disease was exceedingly common. He further remarked that in addition to true Graves's disease there were a very large number of cases of slight enlargement of the thyroid gland associated with anaemia. He suggested that there might possibly be some direct relationship between the frequency of the occurrence and the almost universal use of upland surface water, poor in calcium salts, in the district. With this view, he stated that for the last ten years he had consistently treated all his cases of Graves's disease with lime salts and had attained better results with this method, associated with rest, etc., than he had observed in any other form of treatment. He discussed the theories of causation, enumerated the principal symptoms, and described the chief methods of treatment that had been employed, laying special stress upon the advisability of giving abundant nourishment, but of avoiding excessive quantities of milk or other food substances which tended to stimulate the thyroid gland to increased activity. In dealing with surgical procedures he pointed out that ligature of the thyroid arteries was a more rational and less dangerous form of treatment than partial removal of the gland. He concluded by saying that, in his opinion, allowing for the fact that exophthalmic goitre was so often seen in degenerates who, of course, retain their degenerate characteristics independently of the cure or amelioration of the disease, the prognosis given was often unnecessarily hopeless and the treatment that of inactivity which was the reverse of masterly. Dr. BRONNER thanked Dr. Campbell for his excellent paper, and drew attention to the fact that in a recently-issued textbook on ophthalmology, 300 pages were devoted to this subject. He considered that the disease was due to a toxic condition. To his mind, some of the most interesting symptoms were those produced in the cornea. In some cases a keratitis was produced, with a degeneration of the centre of the cornea, inducing sloughing and the ultimate destruction of the cornea. Dr. GILMOUR (Burley) remarked that mental symptoms were by no means uncommon, and in Scalebor Park Asylum there were at present 3 or 4 cases cases with mental derangement. He had recently been treating cases of this character by giving milk from goats which had had the thyroid gland previously removed. Each goat gave about 2½ pints of milk daily. He had found the emaciation reduced, but the other symptoms had not been very markedly improved. Dr. BLACK (Harrogate) spoke stongly in favour of the treatment of Graves's disease by rest. He had in mind especially one patient whom he had kept in bed for nearly a year, and treated by 3 or 4 minim doses of tincture of aconite. At the end of the year the patient was much better, and now was nearly quite well again. Dr. J. J. BELL (Bradford) having asked a question as to why Dr. Campbell prohibited the use of milk, Dr. CAMPBELL replied that he thought milk and meat juice stimulated the activity of the gland, and should rather be avoided. Dr. EURICH (Bradford) read a paper on an unusual rare and fatal form of skin disease. The condition was a remarkable one, and the disease appeared to be an unusual form of lupus erythematosus. The case was discussed by Drs. BLACK, BAMPTON (Ilkley), and HEAPY (Bradford); and Dr. EURICH replied. Dr. TREVELYAN (Leeds) gave a most interesting address, illustrated by lantern slides, on an analysis of 56 cases of total facial palsy: 9 occurred before 10 years, 7 between 10 and 20, 25 between 20 and 40, and 12 after 40 years. Males and females were equally affected, namely, 28 of each. In 4 cases, two or three preceding attacks had occurred. In all cases, the onset took place in the night, and in 5 others pain or dis-

comfort in the face was noted at the commencement. In 3 bilateral cases 1 was accompanied by paralysis in the arms (? post-influenzal) and in the other 2 by bulbar symptoms. In 1 case, in a boy aged 8 years, the palsy was congenital and was looked upon as a persistent birth palsy. In 2 cases the sixth nerve was also affected. In 1 case of eighteen years' standing with no recovery of voluntary power, a reaction to direct and indirect faradism together with emotional movement persisted in the muscles about the angle of the mouth. In several cases the above-named muscles were seen to be the last to recover. In some cases with preserved faradic reaction rapid recovery in four to six weeks was noted. In 1 case recovery commenced well after twelve months from the onset. Dr. BRONNER (Bradford) showed by lantern slides the method for the direct examination of the oesophagus and upper air passages by Bruning's instruments. At the close of his address Dr. Bronner demonstrated with the actual instruments the methods for their employment. The demonstration elicited the greatest interest on the part of the members, and Dr. Bronner was heartily thanked for the great trouble he had gone to in the matter. The meeting then terminated.

Dinner.—Seventeen members dined at the Midland Hotel.

To ensure the insertion of notices in this column, they must be received at the Central Offices of the Association not later than the first post on Tuesday.

Association Notices.

COUNCIL MEETING.

A MEETING of the Council will be held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, April 28th, in the new Council Room, at 429, Strand, London, W.C.

By Order,
GUY ELLISTON.

March 25th, 1909.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH.—The spring meeting of this Branch will be held in Dorchester on Wednesday, May 5th. Members wishing to read papers, show cases, exhibit specimens, or propose new members, are requested to communicate, not later than Thursday, April 22nd with JAMES DAVISON, Honorary Secretary, "Streteplace," Bournemouth.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH AND WEST SOMERSET BRANCH.—Nominations for the office of a Representative on the Central Council should be sent, on or before Tuesday, April 13th next, in accordance with By-law 25, to JAMES DAVISON, "Streteplace," Bath Road, Bournemouth.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH.—The spring meeting will be held at Bury St. Edmunds on Thursday, April 15th. Members wishing to read papers or show cases should communicate at once with Dr. Gutch, Ipswich, the Honorary Secretary for Suffolk.—B. H. NICHOLSON, Senior Secretary, East Lodge, Colchester.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.—Change of date of Branch Council meeting. Owing to April 14th falling in Easter week the Branch Council meeting will be held a week earlier—namely, on Wednesday, April 7th, 4.30 p.m., at Onward Buildings, 207, Deansgate, Manchester.—F. CHARLES LARKIN, Honorary Secretary, Liverpool.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: ALTRINCHAM DIVISION.—A general meeting will be held at the Greenbank Hotel, Northwich, at 5 p.m., on Wednesday, April 21st, to receive reports from the Executive Committee, to consider matters referred to Divisions, and to transact the usual business. At 6 p.m. Dr. Manwaring White will read a paper on Frontal Sinusitis as a Complication of Influenza. Dinner at 7 p.m.—T. W. H. GARSTANG, Honorary Secretary.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND DIVISION.—A meeting will be held in the Blue Bell Hotel, Belford, on Wednesday, March 31st, at 2.30 p.m. Business: (1) Confirmation of minutes. (2) A discussion on the question of Treatment of School Children under the Education Act will be opened by Dr. Burrow, Medical Inspector of School Children, and members are requested to show their interest in this

important subject by attending and expressing their opinion. For the convenience of those taking part in the discussion reference to the SUPPLEMENT of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of June 20th and July 18th, 1908, will be of assistance. (3) Any other business.—C. CLARK BURMAN, Honorary Secretary, Alnwick.

SOUTH-EASTERN OF IRELAND BRANCH.—A meeting of this Branch, also a meeting of the Branch Council and the local Division, will be held at Adelphi Hotel, Waterford, on Wednesday, April 7th, at 3.15 p.m. Agenda: (1) Minutes of last meeting. (2) Letters of apology. (3) Correspondence. (4) Dr. Laffan will move that dinners at Branch meetings be paid for at so much to each member present and half of that amount to each absent member. (5) Dr. Mackesy will move that members of this Branch bind themselves not to accept a less fee than one guinea for examination and report in any case under the Employers' Liability Act or Workmen's Compensation Act at common law, whether same be furnished on behalf of employers or insurance companies. (6) Any other business.—J. QUIRKE, Honorary Secretary, Piltown.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH: BUCKINGHAMSHIRE DIVISION.—The first meeting of this Division will be held at the Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury, on Tuesday, March 30th, at 3.30 p.m. Order of business will be as follows: (1) Adoption of Rules.—It is suggested that the whole of the rules sent out be passed *en bloc*. They have been carefully gone over by the Committee and adapted to suit the Division. (2) Election of officers. (3) Resolutions proposed by the Committee: (a) That three of the meetings be held at Aylesbury and one at some other place within the Division. (b) That at each Aylesbury meeting refreshments be provided, and that a fund be formed to meet the expenses. (c) That an annual dinner be held about the month of October. (d) That the Executive Committee be also the Ethical Committee. (4) Medical Inspection of School Children: (a) Paper by Dr. Carruthers. (b) Resolution by Dr. Shaw in reference to fees offered by the Bucks County Council for certificates in infectious cases. (c) Voting on the questions asked at the end of the Memorandum. (5) Demonstration by Dr. William Hill (St. Mary's Hospital) on Direct Vision Laryngoscopy, Tracheo-bronchoscopy, and Oesophagoscopy on Living Patients under Cocaine Anaesthesia. All members of the Division are heartily invited to bring any medical friend with them.—ARTHUR E. LARKING.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH.—The next meeting of this Branch will be held at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital on Friday, April 2nd, at 3.30 p.m., when the President, Dr. H. T. S. Aveline, will take the chair. It is hoped to make this largely a clinical meeting, and members are invited to submit cases and specimens of interest. The following are already promised:—Mr. A. J. H. Iles: Skiagrams showing the utility of X Rays in the Diagnosis of Diseases of Bone. Mr. A. E. Joscelyne: A Case of "Port Wine" Mark treated with High-frequency Currents. Hospital Treatment: The members of the Branch will be asked to instruct their Representative how he shall vote on the following resolution, which will be brought before the next Representative Meeting: "That a medical certificate of suitability for hospital treatment be required as a condition of hospital treatment, except in the case of casualties." Further particulars on this subject will be found in the SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of February 27th, 1909. "What is an Accident?" Should time permit, Dr. Aveline will open a discussion on this subject, which, owing to the Workmen's Compensation and other recent Acts of Parliament, has become of interest and importance. Tea will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.—W. B. WINCKWORTH, Honorary Secretary, Taunton.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

A MEETING of the Central Midwives Board was held at Caxton House, Westminster, on March 18th, with Dr. F. H. CHAMPNEYS in the chair.

Registration of Births.

A letter was received from the Registrar-General as to the Board's request for the addition of a new column to the birth register for the registrars to add the name, status, and address of the person who delivered the child. In this letter the Registrar-General said that these particulars, although no doubt useful, were not among the most desirable additions that could be made; it appeared to the Registrar-General that this information might be inserted in the notice of birth furnished to the medical officers of health in places where the Notification of Births Act had been adopted.

Practitioners "Covering" Midwives.

Letters from Dr. A. G. R. Foulerton, County Medical Officer for East Sussex, as to medical practitioners "covering" midwives, were considered. The Board decided that the Secretary be instructed to draft a case for the opinion of the Privy Council as to whether a certified

midwife personally delivering a woman in childbirth is acting as a midwife where a medical practitioner has been engaged to attend the case.

Midwives in Essex.

A report was considered from Dr. J. C. Thresh, County Medical Officer for Essex, to the Essex Education Committee on the supply of midwives in that county. The Board directed that Dr. Thresh be thanked for the presentation of his report.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following appointments have been made at the Admiralty: Fleet Surgeon W. BERT and Staff Surgeon G. C. C. ROSS, M.B., to the *Sutley*, March 15th; Fleet Surgeon H. X. BROWNE to the *Leviathan*, March 15th; Surgeon F. E. BOYTON to the *President*, additional, for three months' course at West London Hospital, March 16th; Surgeon M. HAYDON to be lent to the *Thames* during the absence of Staff Surgeon Pearce, March 17th; Fleet Surgeon A. J. PICKRHORN to the *Triumph*, March 18th; Fleet Surgeon H. S. R. SPARROW to the *Sapphire*, additional, for the *Sapphire II*, April 10th; Fleet Surgeon E. CORCORAN to the Royal Marine Division, Plymouth, April 10th.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following officers are admitted to the Indian Medical Service, their commissions to bear date August 1st, 1908: R. B. LLOYD, A. C. MUNRO, A. G. TRESIDDER, G. G. JOLLY, H. STOTT, A. A. C. McNEILL, E. L. GAMBLE, G. F. GRAHAM, T. D. MURISON, J. J. H. NELSON, S. S. PHIPSON, F. F. S. SMITH, A. J. SYMES, G. L. C. LITTLE, T. C. BOYD.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY.

SURGEON-LIEUTENANT-COLONEL AND HONORARY SURGEON-COLONEL ISAAC MOSSOP and Surgeon-Captain J. C. WRIGHT, M.B., from the 2nd West Riding of Yorkshire Royal Garrison Artillery (Volunteers), are appointed to the 2nd West Riding Brigade, with rank and precedence as in the Volunteer Force, April 1st, 1908 (Surgeon-Captain Wright to be supernumerary).

ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY.

Surgeon-Captain J. CROMIE, Tynemouth unit, to be Surgeon-Major, July 17th, 1908. Surgeon-Captains E. N. CLOSE and A. A. MACKETTS, M.B., from the 1st Hampshire Royal Garrison Artillery (Volunteers), are appointed to the Hampshire unit, with rank and precedence as in the Volunteer Force, April 1st, 1908.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

For Attachment to Units other than Medical Units.—Surgeon-Captain R. B. SIDEBOTTOM, from the 6th Battalion the Cheshire Regiment, to be Captain, October 3rd, 1908. He is promoted to be Major, October 4th, 1908. The announcements of the transfer of Surgeon-Captains E. N. CLOSE and A. A. MACKETTS, M.B., from the 1st Hampshire Royal Garrison Artillery (Volunteers), which appeared in the *London Gazette*, October 20th, 1908, are cancelled.

Fourth London General Hospital.—Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel and Honorary Surgeon-Colonel (Honorary Captain in the army) ARTHUR THORNE, M.B., from the 2nd Middlesex Royal Garrison Artillery (Volunteers), to be Lieutenant-Colonel with the honorary rank of Surgeon-Colonel, with precedence as in the Volunteer Force, dated April 1st, 1908. GEORGE NIXON BIGGS, M.B., to be Major, dated February 26th, 1909.

Fifth Northern General Hospital.—Major A. V. CLARKE, M.D., from the Mobilization List, Royal Army Medical Corps, Territorial Force, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, February 24th. Captain L. K. HARRISON, M.B., from the Mobilization List, Royal Army Medical Corps, Territorial Force, to be Major, February 24th.

Sanitary Service (Officers whose services will be available on Mobilization).—Captain L. C. PARKES, M.D., to be Major, March 24th. Captain CLAUDE B. KER, M.B., to be Major, dated April 1st, 1908.

SPECIAL RESERVE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

CAPTAIN C. R. TICHBORNE, from the late Royal Army Medical Corps (Militia), having assented to be transferred, is appointed to the Special Reserve of Officers, retaining the rank and seniority which he held in the Militia, September 20th, 1908.

Vital Statistics.

HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.

IN seventy-six of the largest English towns, including London, 8,632 births and 6,985 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday last, March 20th. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 19.1, 21.3, and 22.1 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, was again 22.1 per 1,000 last week. The rates in the several towns ranged from 10.3 in Walthamstow, 11.9 in Devonport, 12.0 in Hornsey, 12.5 in Wallasey, 12.7 in Gateshead, 13.2 in Barrow-in-Furness, and 13.4 in Burton-on-Trent, to 25.5 in Burnley, 26.0 in Merthyr Tydfil, 26.5 in Wigan, 26.7 in Warrington, 27.9 in Liverpool, 28.2 in Sheffield, and 36.7 in St. Helens. In London the rate of mortality was 24.0 per 1,000, while it averaged 21.5 in the seventy-five other large towns. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 2.3 per 1,000 in the seventy-six towns; this was the rate in London also, while among the seventy-five other large towns the death-rates from these diseases ranged upwards to 4.4 in Portsmouth, 4.6 in Coventry and in West Hartlepool, 4.7 in Birmingham, 4.9 in Blackburn, 5.1 in Warrington, 5.5 in Aston Manor, 6.3 in Wigan, 6.5 in Sunderland, 7.4 in Smethwick, and 17.0 in St. Helens. Measles caused a death-rate of 3.0 in Handsworth (Staffs) and in Sheffield,

3.5 in Wigan, 3.9 in Portsmouth, 4.2 in Birmingham, 4.4 in Smethwick, 4.6 in West Hartlepool, 4.9 in Aston Manor, 5.9 in Sunderland, and 13.2 in St. Helens; scarlet fever of 1.9 in Blackburn and 2.2 in St. Helens; whooping-cough of 1.3 in Coventry, 1.4 in Nottingham, 1.6 in Brighton, 2.0 in Great Yarmouth, and 2.7 in Swansea; enteric fever of 1.4 in Warrington; and diarrhoea of 2.2 in Smethwick. The mortality from diphtheria showed no marked excess in any of the large towns. One fatal case of small-pox belonging to London and 1 to Bristol were registered last week. The Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals contained 3 small-pox patients at the end of last week, against 1 and 2 at the end of the two preceding weeks; 1 new case was admitted during the week, against 2 in the previous week. The number of scarlet fever patients remaining under treatment at the end of the week in these hospitals and the London Fever Hospital was 2,596, against 2,873 and 2,670 at the end of the two preceding weeks; 279 new cases were admitted during the week, against 285 and 268 in the two preceding weeks.

HEALTH OF SCOTTISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday last, March 20th, 956 births and 754 deaths were registered in eight of the principal Scottish towns. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had risen from 18.2 and 21.6 per 1,000 in the five preceding weeks, declined again last week to 21.1 per 1,000, and was 1.0 per 1,000 below the mean rate during the same period in the seventy-six large English towns. Among these Scottish towns the death-rates ranged from 17.2 in Edinburgh and 17.6 in Perth to 23.7 in Dundee, 23.8 in Paisley, and 26.0 in Greenock. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 2.4 per 1,000, the highest rates being recorded in Glasgow and Paisley. The 366 deaths registered in Glasgow included 2 which were referred to scarlet fever, 6 to diphtheria, 37 to whooping-cough, 4 to enteric fever, and 8 to diarrhoea. Two fatal cases of scarlet fever and 2 of whooping-cough were recorded in Edinburgh; 2 of diphtheria and 5 of whooping-cough in Dundee; 3 of whooping-cough in Aberdeen; and 2 of scarlet fever and 2 of whooping-cough in Paisley.

HEALTH OF IRISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday, March 20th, 598 births and 571 deaths were registered in the twenty-two principal urban districts of Ireland as against 595 births and 524 deaths in the preceding period. The annual death-rate in these districts, which had been 23.0, 22.5, and 23.9 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, rose to 26.1 per 1,000 in the week under notice, this figure being 4.0 per 1,000 higher than the mean annual death-rate in the seventy-six English towns for the corresponding period. The figures in Dublin and Belfast were 29.3 and 21.0 respectively, those in other districts ranging from 12.3 in Drogheda and 15.9 in Tralee to 46.1 in Queenstown and 46.2 in Clonmel, while Cork stood at 31.5, Londonderry at 30.2, Limerick at 17.8, and Waterford at 33.1. The zymotic death-rate in the twenty-two districts again averaged 1.3 per 1,000, and thus has not varied for the past three weeks.

Vacancies and Appointments.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column, advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning.

VACANCIES.

BIRKENHEAD UNION.—Male Resident Assistant Medical Officer for the Infirmary and Sanatorium. Salary, £120 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM CITY.—Assistant Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £250 per annum.

BRIGHTON: ROYAL ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £80 per annum.

BRISTOL ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN AND WOMEN.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum.

BURY INFIRMARY.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum, increasing to £90 after six months.

CANCER HOSPITAL, Fulham Road, S.W.—Surgical Registrar. Honorarium, £26 5s. per annum.

CANTERBURY: KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £90 per annum.

CHELTEMHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—(1) Honorary Surgeon; (2) Honorary Clinical Pathologist.

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Victoria Park, E.—House-Physician (male). Salary at the rate of £75 per annum.

COLCHESTER: ESSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum.

DUDELEY: GUEST HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum.

ENNISKILLEN: FERMANAGH COUNTY HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £72 per annum.

EVELINA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Southwark Bridge Road.—Physician to Out-patients.

GROCERS' COMPANY.—Two Scholarships of £300 a year each for Research in Sanitary Science.

HULL: ROYAL INFIRMARY.—House-Physician. Salary, £100 per annum.

LEAMINGTON: WARNEFORD, LEAMINGTON, AND SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Senior and Junior Resident Medical Officers. Salary, £100 and £85 per annum respectively.

LEEDS GENERAL DISPENSARY.—Ophthalmic House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum.

LEEDS PUBLIC DISPENSARY.—Junior Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, increasing £10 on reappointment.

LEVERPOOL EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY.—Honorary Assistant Surgeon.

LIVERPOOL: ROYAL SOUTHERN HOSPITAL.—House-Physician. Salary, £60 per annum.

LIVERPOOL: STANLEY HOSPITAL.—(1) Senior House-Surgeon; salary, £100 per annum. (2) Two Junior House-Surgeons; salary, £50 per annum each.

LIVERPOOL: WEST DERBY UNION INFIRMARY.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum.

LONDON SCHOOL OF TROPICAL MEDICINE.—Craggs' Research Prize, value £50.

MANCHESTER: MONSALL FEVER HOSPITAL.—Medical Superintendent. Salary, £425 per annum.

MANCHESTER VICTORIA MEMORIAL JEWISH HOSPITAL.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £80 per annum.

MEDICAL GRADUATES' COLLEGE AND POLYCLINIC, Chenies Street, W.C.—Clinical Pathologist.

MOUNT VERNON HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Hampstead.—Senior and Junior Resident Medical Officer. Honorarium, £100 and £50 per annum respectively.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE: ROYAL VICTORIA INFIRMARY.—Pathologist to the Infirmary, and Lecturer on Pathology to the University of Durham College of Medicine. Salary, £400 per annum.

NORWICH: NORFOLK AND NORWICH HOSPITAL.—Male Assistant House-Surgeon. Honorarium, £20 for six months.

PADDINGTON INFIRMARY.—Second Assistant to the Medical Superintendent and Medical Officer of the Workhouse. Salary at the rate of £72 per annum.

PORTSMOUTH PARISH.—Second Assistant Resident Medical Officer for the Workhouse Infirmary, Workhouse, and Children's Home. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

ST. MARYLEBONE GENERAL DISPENSARY, Welbeck Street, W.—(1) Honorary Physician; (2) Honorary Anaesthetist.

SALFORD ROYAL HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon (male). Salary at the rate of £50 per annum.

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL, Greenwich.—(1) Two House-Physicians; (2) Two House-Surgeons. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum each.

SOUTHAMPTON FREE EYE HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

SOUTH SHIELDS: INGHAM INFIRMARY AND SOUTH SHIELDS AND WESTOE DISPENSARY.—Junior House-Surgeon (male). Salary, £90 per annum.

SOUTHPORT COUNTY BOROUGH.—School Medical Officer. Salary, £250 per annum, rising to £300.

STOCKPORT COUNTY BOROUGH.—School Medical Officer. Salary, £250 per annum, increasing to £300.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Tite Street, S.W.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £30 for six months.

WAKEFIELD: CLAYTON HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum.

WALLASEY DISPENSARY AND VICTORIA CENTRAL HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.—(1) Clinical Assistants; (2) Three Casualty Officers.

WORCESTER GENERAL INFIRMARY.—House-Physician. Salary, £100 per annum.

APPOINTMENTS.

BIRD, Gerald F., M.B. Cantab., Medical Officer to the Meath Home for Epileptic Women and Girls, Godalming.

BLAXLAND, A. Jasper, M.B., M.S. Lond., F.R.C.S. Eng., Assistant Surgeon to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

BUCHAN, George F., M.B., Ch.B. Glasg., D.P.H. Camb., Medical Officer of Health for the Urban District of Heston and Isleworth, Hounslow.

CANNEX, J. R. C., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., M.B., B.C., House-Surgeon to University College Hospital, Gower Street, W.C.

GRAY, Leonard, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., Honorary Visiting Physician to the Staffordshire General Infirmary.

HARD, H. S., M.D. (U.S.A.), Clinical Assistant to the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

HEWLEY, Frank, M.D. Durh., F.R.C.S. Eng., Honorary Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Western General Dispensary, Marylebone Road, N.W.

HUDSON, Miss Margaret, B.A., M.B., B.S. Lond., Superintendent of the Boarding-out Department, Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

LEWIS, John, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.B., B.S., Obstetric Assistant to University College Hospital, Gower Street, W.C.

NERY, Carlos, M.D. Paris, Clinical Assistant to the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

PARE, J. W., M.D., C.M. Edin., L.D.S. Eng., Dental Surgeon to the Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, Golden Square, W.

ROBERTSON, F. Gordon, M.B., Ch.B. Glasg., Junior Assistant Physician to Ayr District Asylum.

SANKEY, R. H., M.A., M.B., B.Ch. Oxon., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer to H.M. Prison at Oxford.

SUTHERLAND, Halliday, M.D. Edin., Resident Physician to the Royal Victoria Hospital for Consumption, Edinburgh.

WALLER, H. K., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., House-Physician to University College Hospital, Gower Street, W.C.

EDINBURGH ROYAL INFIRMARY.—The following appointments have been made:

Resident Physicians: W. B. Somers, M.B., Ch.B.; F. W. Hay, M.B., Ch.B.; H. A. Watson-Wemyss, M.B., Ch.B.; A. F. Hewat, M.B., Ch.B.; J. T. Simson, M.B., Ch.B.; and R. A. Krause, M.B., Ch.B.

Resident Surgeons: W. F. Buist, L.R.C.P. and S. Edin.; J. E. Spence, M.B., Ch.B.; W. A. Young, M.B., Ch.B.; H. M. Anderson, M.B., Ch.B.; A. C. Mallace, M.A., M.B., Ch.B.; and J. B. de W. Molony, M.B., Ch.B.

Non-resident House-Surgeons: R. W. L. Todd, M.B., Ch.B., B.Sc.; H. P. Milligan, M.D.; and J. Lochhead, M.D.

Clinical Assistants: J. Langwill, M.B., Ch.B.; J. M. Deuchars, M.B., Ch.B.; A. Fleming, M.B., Ch.B.; I. S. Stewart, M.D., M.B., Ch.B.; R. H. Jamieson, M.B., Ch.B.; J. G. Greenfield, M.B., Ch.B.; S. Jackson, M.B., Ch.B.; F. E. Laing, M.B., Ch.B.; A. White, M.B., Ch.B.; A. B. Darling, M.B., Ch.B.; and F. E. Reynolds, M.B., Ch.B., L.M.

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 orders or stamps with the notice not later than Wednesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTH.

TAYLOR.—On March 12th, at Wray Croft, Lacock, Chippenham, the wife of S. H. Stanley Taylor, M.B., Ch.B., of a son.

DEATHS.

HARDY.—On March 8th, at Aden, of sleeping sickness, on the voyage home from Nyassaland, Captain Frederick Hallam Hardy, R.A.M.C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond., aged 36, son of Major-General F. Hardy, C.B., York and Lancaster Regiment, Shawford Winchester.

SOLTAU.—On March 17th, at Benares, the result of an accident George Alick Soltau, M.B., B.S. Lond., Captain I.M.S.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

TUESDAY.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON, Pall Mall East, S.W., 5 p.m.—Third Lumleian Lecture, by Dr. Norman Moore: Rheumatic Fever and Valvular Disease.

THURSDAY.

NORTH-EAST LONDON CLINICAL SOCIETY, Prince of Wales's Hospital, Tottenham, 4.15 p.m.—Discussion on Empyema, to be opened by Dr. T. E. Whipham.

ROENTGEN SOCIETY, 20, Hanover Square, 8.15 p.m.—Paper by Mr. J. H. Gardiner: The Origin, History, and Development of the X-ray Tube.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON, Pall Mall East, S.W., 5 p.m.—First Oliver-Sharpay Lecture, by Professor C. S. Sherrington, F.R.S.: The Role of Reflex Inhibition in the Co-ordination of Muscular Action.

FRIDAY.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON, Pall Mall East, S.W., 5 p.m.—Second Oliver-Sharpay Lecture, by Professor C. S. Sherrington, F.R.S.: The Role of Reflex Inhibition in the Co-ordination of Muscular Action.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE: LARYNGOLOGICAL SECTION, 20, Hanover Square, 5 p.m.—Cases and Specimens.

WEST LONDON MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY, West London Hospital Hammersmith Road, 8 p.m.—Clinical Evening.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—Tuesday, 3.45: Anaesthetics. Friday, 3.45: Mouth and Teeth.

LONDON SCHOOL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE, Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich.—Daily arrangements: Out-patient Demonstration, 10 a.m.; Medical and Surgical Clinics, 2.15 p.m. and 3.15 p.m. respectively; Operations, 2 p.m. Special Clinics: Ear and Throat, at noon and 4 p.m., Monday, and noon, Thursday; Skin, at noon and 4 p.m., Thursday, and noon, Friday; Eye, 11 a.m., Wednesday and Saturday; Radiography, 4 p.m., Thursday. Special lecture, Monday, 4 p.m., Aphasia.

MEDICAL GRADUATES' COLLEGE AND POLYCLINIC, 22, Chenies Street, W.C.—The following clinical demonstrations have been arranged for next week at 4 p.m. each day: Monday, Skin; Tuesday, Medical; Wednesday, Surgical; Thursday, Surgical; Friday, Ear.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.—Monday, Clinics, 10 a.m., Surgical Out-patient; 2.30 p.m., Medical Out-patient; Nose, Throat, and Ear; X Rays; 4.30 p.m., Medical In-patient. Tuesday, 10 a.m., Medical Out-patient Clinic; 2.30 p.m., Operations; Clinics, Surgical, Gynaecological. Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Medical Out-patient, Skin, and Eye Clinics. Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Gynaecological Operations; Clinics: Medical Out-patient; Surgical Out-patient; X Rays; 3 p.m., Medical In-patient. Friday, Clinic: 10 a.m., Surgical Out-patient; 2.30 p.m., Operations; Clinics: Medical Out-patient, Eye; 3 p.m., Medical In-patient; Demonstration on the Infectious Fevers (at the North-Eastern Fever Hospital, St. Ann's Road, N.).

POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, West London Hospital, Hammersmith, W.—The following are the arrangements for next week: At 2 p.m., Medical and Surgical Clinics, X Rays; 2.30 p.m., Operations. Monday and Thursday (and Wednesday and Saturday), 2 p.m., Diseases of the Eyes. Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m., Gynaecological Operations; 2 p.m. (and Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m.), Diseases of Throat, Nose, and Ear; 2.30 p.m., Diseases of Skin. Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m., Diseases of Children. Lectures: 10 a.m., Monday and Thursday, Demonstration by Surgical Registrar; Friday, Demonstration by Medical Registrar; 12 noon, Monday, Pathological Demonstration; 12.15 p.m., Wednesday and Saturday, Practical Medicine; 5 p.m., Monday, Clinical; Tuesday, Clinical; Thursday, Clinical; Friday, Clinical.

BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

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Operations upon the Uterus, Perineum, and Round Ligaments. By W. J. S. McKay, M.B., M.Ch., B.Sc. London: Baillière, Tindall and Cox. 1909. 21s.

CALENDAR OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.	Meetings to be Held.	Date.	Meetings to be Held.
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28 Sunday ..			
29 MONDAY ..			
30 TUESDAY ..	{BUCKINGHAMSHIRE DIVISION, <i>South Midland Branch</i> , Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury, 3.30 p.m.	7 WEDNESDAY	{LONDON: Medico-Political Committee, 2.15 p.m. LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH, Council Meeting, Onward Buildings, 207, Deansgate, Manchester, 4.30 p.m. SOUTH-EASTERN OF IRELAND BRANCH, Adelphi Hotel, Waterford, 3.15 p.m., also meeting of Branch Council and Local Division.
31 WEDNESDAY	{BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH, Bristol. LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH, Branch Ethical Committee, Liverpool Medical Institution, 4.30 p.m. NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND DIVISION, <i>North of England Branch</i> , Blue Bell Hotel, Belford, 2.30 p.m.	8 THURSDAY ..	
APRIL.		9 FRIDAY ..	<i>Good Friday.</i>
1 THURSDAY ..	{SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH, Spring Meeting, Brecon. WESTMINSTER DIVISION, <i>Metropolitan Counties Branch</i> , Criterion Restaurant, 4.30 p.m.	10 SATURDAY ..	
2 FRIDAY ..	{SWANSEA DIVISION, <i>South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch</i> , 8.15 p.m. WEST SOMERSET BRANCH, Taunton and Somerset Hospital, 3.30 p.m.	11 Sunday ..	
3 SATURDAY ..	{LONDON: Ophthalmia Neonatorum Committee, 10 a.m.	12 MONDAY ..	<i>Bank Holiday.</i>
4 Sunday ..		13 TUESDAY ..	{LONDON: Organization Committee, 10.30 a.m. RICHMOND DIVISION, <i>Metropolitan Counties Branch</i> , Medico-Political Meeting, Royal Hospital, Richmond, 8.30 p.m.
5 MONDAY ..	{LONDON: Naval and Military Committee, 2.30 p.m.	14 WEDNESDAY	{EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH, Spring Meeting, Bury St. Edmund's.
6 TUESDAY ..	{LONDON: Public Health Committee, 3 p.m.	15 THURSDAY ..	{SWANSEA DIVISION, <i>South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch</i> , Clinical Meeting, 8.15 p.m.
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		19 MONDAY ..	
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ANNUAL MEETING, BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, BELFAST, 1909.

THE Seventy-seventh Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held at Belfast from July 23rd, to July 31st, 1909, under the Presidency of Sir William Whitla.

The Annual Representative Meeting commences in Belfast on July 23rd. The Presidential Address will be delivered on July 27th. The Sections will meet on July 28th, 29th, and 30th.

A preliminary programme of arrangements was published in the SUPPLEMENT, February 27th, 1909. The Honorary Local Secretaries are: Henry Lawrence McKisack, M.D., M.R.C.P., 17, University Square, Belfast; Cecil Edward Shaw, M.A., M.D., M.Ch., 29, University Square, Belfast; and Howard Stevenson, B.A., M.B., F.R.C.S.I., 2, College Square North, Belfast.

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Article III.—Any Medical Practitioner registered in the United Kingdom under the Medical Acts and any Medical Practitioner residing within the area of any Branch of the Association situate in any part of the British Empire other than the United Kingdom, who is so registered or possesses such medical qualifications as shall, subject to the regulations, be prescribed by the Rules of the said Branch, shall be eligible as a Member of the Association. The mode and conditions of election to Membership shall from time to time be determined by or in accordance with the By-laws. Every Member, whether one of the existing Members or a subsequently-elected Member, shall remain a member until he ceases to be a Member in accordance with the provisions hereof.

By-law 1.—Every candidate for Membership of the Association shall apply for election in writing, addressed to the Association, and stating his agreement, if elected, to abide by the Regulations and By-laws of the Association, and the Rules of such Division and Branch to which he may at any time belong, and to pay his subscription for the current year.

By-law 2.—Every candidate who resides within the area of a Branch shall forward his application to the Secretary of such Branch. Notice of the proposed election shall be sent by the Branch Secretary to the General Secretary of the Association, and to every

Member of the Branch Council, and the candidate, if not disqualified by any Regulation of the Association, may be elected a Member of the Association by the Branch Council at any meeting thereof held not less than seven days (or such longer period as the Branch may by its Rules prescribe) after the date of the said notice. A Branch may by special Resolution require that each candidate for election to the Association shall furnish a certificate from two Members of the Association to whom he is personally known. Officers of the Navy, Army, and Indian Medical Services on the Active List are eligible for election through the Council or a Branch without approving signatures as laid down in By-law 3.

By-law 3.—Every candidate whose place of residence is not included in the area of any Branch shall forward his Application to the General Secretary of the Association, together with a statement signed by three Members of the Association, that from personal knowledge they consider him a suitable person for election. Notice of the proposed election shall be sent by the General Secretary to every Member of the Council, and the candidate, if not disqualified by any Regulation of the Association, may be elected a Member of the Association by the Council at any meeting thereof held not less than one month after the date of the said notice.

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