

## ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

## SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held at Exeter, on Wednesday, June 4th, during the week of the Bath and West of England Agricultural Society's show in that city.

LOUIS H. TOSSWILL, M.B., *Honorary Secretary.*

Exeter, May 14th, 1879.

## SOUTH OF IRELAND BRANCH.

THE quarterly meeting of the above Branch will be held in the Royal Cork Institution, on Wednesday, June 4th, at 4 P.M. : the President in the Chair.

Important business in connection with the approaching meeting will be discussed.

In the evening the members will dine at Lloyd's Hotel at 7 P.M.

P. J. CREMEN,  
T. GELSTON ATKINS, } *Honorary Secretaries.*

Cork, May 27th, 1879.

## THAMES VALLEY BRANCH.

THE next meeting of this Branch will be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, on Thursday, June 12th, at 6 P.M.

Papers will be read by Dr. Sealy on Diphtheria and by Dr. J. Williams on some Symptoms of Chronic Inflammation of the Ovary.

Dinner will be provided after the meeting.

FREDERICK J. WADD, *Honorary Secretary.*

Richmond, May 28th, 1879.

## SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Swan Hotel, Bedford, on Thursday, June 26th, at Two o'clock, under the presidency of G. P. GOLDSMITH, Esq.

The President kindly invites the members of the Branch to luncheon at his residence, 3, Harpur Place, at One o'clock.

Gentlemen desirous of reading papers are requested to communicate at once with the Honorary Secretary.

G. F. KIRBY SMITH, *Honorary Secretary.*

Northampton, May 12th, 1879.

## CAMBRIDGE AND HUNTINGDON AND EAST ANGLIAN BRANCHES.

THE combined meeting of the East Anglian and of the Cambridge and Huntingdonshire Branches will be held in the last week in June, at Bury St. Edmund's, under the presidency of J. KILNER, Esq., F.R.C.S., Senior Surgeon of the Suffolk County Hospital. Gentlemen who are desirous to read papers, or to bring any subject before the meeting, are requested to give early notice to Dr. Elliston, Ipswich.

J. B. PITT, Norwich  
B. ANNINGSO, M.D., Cambridge } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. A. ELLISTON, M.D., Ipswich }

## BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Grand Hotel, Colmore Row, Birmingham, on Tuesday, June 24th. The Chair will be taken by the President, Dr. TIBBITS, of Warwick, at 3 P.M.

An address will be delivered by the President-elect, Dr. JAMES JOHNSTON, of Birmingham.

The annual dinner will also take place at the Grand Hotel, at 5 P.M. precisely, for the convenience of country members. Dinner tickets, exclusive of wine, 5s. each.

JAMES SAWYER, M.D.,  
EDWARD MALINS, M.D., } *Honorary Secretaries.*

Birmingham, May 23rd, 1879.

## MIDLAND BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held in the Board Room of the Infirmary, Derby, on Thursday, June 26th, at 2 P.M.

By the kindness of the President, J. Wright Baker, Esq., luncheon will be provided at the Infirmary.

Dinner at the Midland Hotel at 5 o'clock.

Gentlemen desirous of reading papers are requested to communicate with

F. W. WRIGHT, *Honorary Secretary.*

Full Street, Derby, May 26th, 1879.

## SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at Cardiff, on July 1st next.

Gentlemen desirous of reading papers, etc., are requested to forward the titles thereof to Dr. Sheen, Cardiff, before June 10th.

ANDREW DAVIES, M.D.  
ALFRED SHEEN, M.D. } *Honorary Secretaries.*

Cardiff, May 27th, 1879.

## NOTICE OF MOTION.

NOTICE is hereby given that at the annual general meeting of members to be held at Cork on the 15th day of August next, the following regulations for the conduct of annual meetings will, on behalf of the Committee of Council, be proposed for adoption.

1. The programme of the annual general meeting shall be under the control of the Committee of Council. The following regulations shall guide the Committee of Arrangement and any local Committee that may be formed.
2. The gradual and constant increase of the members of the British Medical Association renders it expedient to express the strong opinion of the Committee of Council, that the medical men of the locality at which the Association holds its meeting should not deem it necessary to incur a large expenditure; as, otherwise, the choice of a place of meeting must be more and more limited to the larger towns of the kingdom.
3. It is recommended that no part of the expense of providing public luncheons or dinners shall be borne by the local medical men.
4. As the action of each President may appear to entail obligations on his successor, he is particularly recommended not to show any profuse public hospitality.
5. The annual dinner shall be under the control of the Committee of Council.
6. All papers intended to be read at the annual meeting shall be forwarded, together with an abstract, to the Secretaries of Sections, ten days before the annual meeting takes place, excepting the Addresses of the Presidents of Sections, or of the readers appointed by the Committee of Council.
7. The President, Vice-Presidents, and Secretaries of each Section will form a Committee of Reference, with power to accept, decline, or postpone any paper, and to arrange the order in which the papers shall be read.
8. Selected papers may be printed at the expense of the authors before the meeting, so that they may be purchased at cost price previously to their being read.
9. The papers in each section shall, as far as possible, be grouped together, so as to insure a general discussion on kindred subjects.
10. No abstract shall occupy more than ten minutes in reading, and no person shall be permitted to speak more than once or for more than ten minutes during the discussion.
11. In each section some subject shall be selected for discussion at the ensuing annual meeting, and one or more members shall be appointed to draw up a report on such subject, which shall be printed at the expense of the Association, and distributed in the same manner as determined on in Section 8.
12. No resolution, unless moved by the Committee of Council or a Committee of the Association, shall be passed at an annual general meeting, unless notice of the same shall have been given on the previous day, in writing, to the General Secretary, to be entered on the agenda of the day, and printed in the daily journal.
13. The Committee of Council shall meet on the first day of the annual meeting, at two o'clock in the afternoon. The Council of the Association shall meet subsequently, and the first general meeting of the Association shall be held in the evening.
14. All reports of Committees of the Association shall be printed in the JOURNAL before the annual meeting.

FRANCIS FOWKE,

*General Secretary of the British Medical Association.*

161a, Strand, London, May 22nd, 1879.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND PROPRIETORS OF PRIVATE ASYLUMS.

SIR,—Your correspondent "A Proprietor" really only makes the case which he seeks to combat the stronger by the facts which he cites. In the short list of Fellows of the Royal College of Physicians which he gives (nine in all), who are or have been the proprietors of private lunatic asylums, it is plain that six were elected as being physicians to public hospitals; two of them were elected before they had any connection with private asylums; and one has since resigned that connection.

I am, sir, yours, etc.,

F.R.C.P.

## ARMY MEDICAL OFFICERS AND THEIR AGES.

SIR,—I send you a couple of tables that may prove interesting to your readers.

Table A is a mere collection of carefully ascertained facts, and the percentage of unavoidable error in it is reduced to a minimum. It shows the years in which the present executive officers of the Army Medical Department obtained their first legal qualification (commencing with the senior surgeon-major for promotion, and ending with the junior surgeon of September 1875, and omitting medical officers of the Guards).