

in this field, to continue their observations in reference to typhoid, under the safeguards which more extended experience in the study of bacteria has made available.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL:

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 1882: ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

MEETINGS of the Committee of Council will be held on Wednesday, January 18th, April 12th, July 12th, October 18th. Gentlemen desirous of becoming members must send in their forms of application for election to the General Secretary not later than 21 days before each meeting, viz., December 28th next, March 22nd, May 22nd, September 27th, in accordance with the regulation for the election of members passed at the meeting of the Committee of Council of October 12th, 1881.

November 4th, 1881. FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary.*

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.—The second ordinary meeting of the session will be held at the Bristol Museum and Library, on Wednesday afternoon, November 30th, at a quarter-past four o'clock; David Davies, Esq., President. Dr. Henry Marshall will propose the following resolution: "That this Branch hereby records its entire disapproval of the opinions expressed by the Readers of Addresses at the Annual General Meeting of the Association at Ryde in reference to consultations with homoeopathic practitioners." The following communications are expected: 1. A Case of Litholapaxy, by Mr. W. H. Harsant; 2. A Case of Myoma Uteri, by Dr. C. Steele; 3. Seven Cases of Ovariotomy, by Dr. J. Greig Smith; 4. A New Form of Stem-Pessary, by Dr. J. G. Swayne.—E. MARKHAM SKERRITT, R. S. FOWLER, Honorary Secretaries.—Clifton, November 1881.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: WEST KENT DISTRICT.—A meeting of the West Kent District will be held at the West Kent General Hospital, Maidstone, on Friday, December 16th, at 3 P.M. Members wishing to read papers or show specimens are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary as soon as possible.—A. H. B. HALLOWES, Honorary Secretary, 11, King Street, Maidstone.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SURREY DISTRICT.—The next meeting will take place at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Thursday, December 8th, at 4 P.M.; M. C. Dukes, M.D., in the chair. The following communications, etc., have been promised. 1. Dr. M. C. Dukes: A Case of Nevus of Scalp successfully treated by Vaccination. 2. Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson: Some facts in reference to Diseases of the Tongue. 3. Dr. G. Ernest Herman: On the Treatment of Dysmenorrhœa by Dilatation of the Cervical Canal. 4. Dr. W. Rosser: A Case of Removal of Foreign Body from the Female Bladder; with specimen. Dinner will be provided at 6 P.M. precisely; charge 7s., exclusive of wine. Gentlemen who propose to dine are particularly requested to inform me two days previously.—J. HERBERT STOWERS, M.D., Honorary Secretary, 23, Finsbury Circus, E.C.

METROPOLITAN '23 COUNTIES BRANCH: EAST LONDON AND SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT.—The next meeting of the above District will be held on Thursday evening, December 15th, at 8.30 P.M., at the New Town Hall, Hackney, when Mr. Timothy Holmes will open a discussion on the Metropolitan Provident Dispensary System.—FREDERICK WALLACE, Honorary Secretary, 96, Cazenove Road, E., November 22nd, 1881.

NORTH OF IRELAND BRANCH.—A meeting of this Branch will be held in the Belfast Royal Hospital, Belfast, on Thursday, December 15th, at 12 o'clock noon. Members wishing to read papers will please communicate with JOHN MOORE, M.D., Honorary Secretary, 2, Carlisle Terrace, Belfast.—November 21st, 1881.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SUSSEX DISTRICT.—The next meeting of the above District will be held on Tuesday, the 29th instant, at the New Kentish Hotel, Tunbridge Wells; Mr. Benjamin Rix in the chair. Meeting at 3.30 P.M. Dinner at 5.30 P.M.; charge 6s., exclusive of wine. The following papers have been promised. 1. Mr. Clement Lucas: On the Principles for regulating Taxis in cases of Hernia. 2. Mr. Manser: On the Removal of a Foreign Body from the Bladder by Median Operation. 3. Dr. Rankin: Scirrhus of the Pylorus. 4. Mr. Abbot: On Wire-Drains in Surgical Operations. 5. Dr. Johnson.—T. JENNER VERRALL, Honorary Secretary, 95, Western Road, Brighton, November 21st, 1881.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: NORTHERN DISTRICT.

THE first meeting of the session was held on Wednesday, November 9th, at the house of Dr. Henty, Camden Road; the President of the Branch, Mr. EDWIN SAUNDERS, F.R.C.S., in the chair.

Secretary.—Dr. T. Stretch Dowse resigned the office of secretary, and Dr. G. W. Potter was appointed to succeed him. The meeting recorded its high sense of the value of Dr. Dowse's services as secretary to the district.

President's Address.—The PRESIDENT, after a graceful allusion to the pleasure he experienced in presiding at the opening meeting of the

District Branch, announced as the subject of his address "The Medical Holiday." He contrasted the preholiday period of moderate work, rare relaxation and deference to public opinion, with the eager haste and strenuous toils of modern days, in which the choice lies between a frequent holiday and the abrupt termination of all labours by exhaustion of the nervous system; and he pointed out the advantages of travel and of contact with other minds, and varying scenes and circumstances. He characterised the present age as one of "brilliant scientific discovery", and thought that the annihilation of distance by steam and electricity contributed much to the progress of mankind, increased their intellectual pleasures, and hastened the advent of a higher civilisation. He concluded an eloquent address by eulogising warmly the Secretary-General and the "accomplished President" of the Medical Congress of 1881; the success of which, he said, was largely due to the admirable organising genius of the former, and the refined and elevating utterances of the latter.

Typhoid Fever and Diphtheria.—Dr. HENTY read a paper on the Etiology and the Modern Treatment of Typhoid Fever and Diphtheria. With regard to the treatment of the former, Dr. Henty, whilst showing a familiar acquaintance with various methods practised in this and other countries, inclined to Dr. Bristow's view, that each case must be treated on its merits, and that a judicious management of symptoms and complications would probably best commend itself to the thoughtful physician.—An interesting discussion ensued.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HYDROPHOBIA.

SIR,—Mere justice to myself compels me to address you on the subject of several articles contained in your JOURNAL of this day's date respecting hydrophobia. I wish that the writers of those articles should refer to a paper of mine, contained in the *Nineteenth Century Review*, on Hydrophobia and Rabies; or to a reproduction of the same paper in a little volume published for me by Messrs. C. Kegan Paul and Co., and obtained for the sum of 3s. 6d.—I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

THOMAS WATSON.

16, Henrietta-street, Cavendish Square, W.,
November 19th, 1881.

A SCIENCE DEFENCE ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—As so many gentlemen are anxious to show their sympathy with Dr. Ferrier by offering their guineas towards a testimonial, I think I shall not be causing him any displeasure by suggesting that, after his expenses are paid, all additional subscriptions should go towards forming a Defence Association, and in this way furthering the cause which Dr. Ferrier has so much at heart.

It is high time that the profession, and indeed the scientific world, should bestir itself. The Government, and Parliament too, I am sorry to say, seem to be influenced on some matters of legislation by the amount of pressure put upon them and the intensity of the clamour made around them. If this be so, they must know that there is another side of the question, and that they cannot ignore a large and important section of the community. Any number of petitions could be forwarded to Parliament by medical men and the scientific bodies of England, who should demand nothing less than the abrogation of the present law, and, in its stead, the granting of a license to all engaged in experimental studies, and which should give them perfect liberty of action. But more of this anon. I take up my pen now to stimulate further subscriptions towards the formation of a Defence Association.—

Your obedient servant,
Grosvenor Street.

SAMUEL WILKS.

SUBSCRIPTION TO DR. FERRIER.

SIR,—Everyone will be pleased to see that the suggestion first made in your columns is to be carried out, and that a subscription will be at once started for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to Dr. Ferrier. Such a testimonial is wanted, not only as an expression of sympathy with Dr. Ferrier, but as a practical demonstration of the fact that the scientific world, and particularly the medical profession, are determined to support those workers whose lives are devoted to the pursuit of truth, and to protect them, so far as may be, from the very real persecution to which—one is ashamed to say—they are even at this present day liable at the hands of bigots, fanatics, and pseudo-humanitarians. The testimonial might also be made the occasion of a public expression of the united opinion of the profession as to the necessity of vivisection in physiological research; and the mind of the public might be at the