- KINGSTON, P. J., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., appointed House-Surgeon to the St. Mark's Hospital for Fistula, City Road, vice W. J. Midelton, M.R.C.S., re-
- Kirkpatrick, W., M.D., appointed Resident Assistant House-Surgeon to the Derbyshire General Infirmary, vice R. M. Wilson, M.D., B.Ch., resigned. Leigh, Randle, B.Sc.Lond., M.R.C.S., etc., appointed Demonstrator of Physi-ology in University College, Liverpool, vice F. C. Larkin, ppointed Assistant
- MARTYN, R. J., L.R.C.S.I., L.M., L.K.Q.C.P.I., appointed Medical Officer to No, 2 Dispensary, Sligo; also Surgeon to the Royal Irish Constabulary and military stationed at Sligo, vice Dr. Palmer, deceased.
- Pogson, J. W. B., M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., appointed House-Surgeon to the Durham County Hospital.
- Walsh, E. H., L.R.C.S.E., L.R.C.P.E., L.M., and L.A.H.I., appointed Medical Officer of Mitchelstown Workhouse, and Physician to the Fever Hospital, vice Dr. William O'Neil, resigned.
- WILLIAMS, R. E., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., appointed House-Surgeon to the Clayton House and General Dispensary, vice R. B. Eskrigge, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s. 6d., which should be forwarded in stamps with the announcement. The first post on Thursday mornings is the latest by which advertisements can be received.

#### BIRTHS.

- ASHWORTH.—On July 27th, at Halstead, Essex, the wife of J. Henry Ashworth, M.R.C.P.Ed., of a daughter.
- GREATHEAD.—On July 6th, at Graham's Town, South Africa, the wife of J. B. Greathead, M.B.Edin., M.R.C.S., London, of a son.
- HOOKER.—On July 27th, at Circnester, the wife of Charles Hooker, L.R.C.P.'and S.Edin., of a daughter.
- KENYON.—On July 25th, at Hooton Pagnell, near Doncaster, the wife of G. Herbert Kenyon, M.D., of a son.
- WILLIAMSON.—At 22, Eldon Square, Newcastle-on-Tyne, July 26th, the wife of G. E. Williamson, M.A., F.R.C.S., of a son.

#### MARRIAGE.

Lewis—Stark.—At Thornville, Falkirk, on July 31st, by the Rev. George Lewis, Liverpool (father of the bridegroom), assisted by the Rev. J. B. Johnston, B.D., Falkirk, Charles James Lewis, M.D., C.M.Edin., M.R.C.S.Eng., Stirling, to May Harvey, only daughter of Henry Stark.

DEATH. BEVISS.—On June 30th, at Pinetown, Natal, Charles Beviss, M.D., M.R.C.S.,

# HOURS OF ATTENDANCE AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

- CHARING CROSS.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin, M. 1.30; Dental, M. W. F., 9.
- CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN .- M. Tu. W. and F., 1.30.
- GREAT NORTHERN CENTRAL.—Medical and Surgical, M. Tu. Th. F., 2.30; Obstetric, W., 2.30; Eye, Tu. F., 10; Ear, M. F., 2.30; Diseases of he Skin, W., 2.30; Diseases of the Throat, Th., 2.30; Dental Cases, W., 2.
- Guy's.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, M. Tu. F. 1.30; Eye, M. Tu. Th. F., 1.30; Ear, Tu. 1; Skin, Tu., 1; Dental, Tu. Th. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Tu. Th. F., 1.30; Ear, Tu. 1; Skin, Tu., 1; Dental, Tu. Th. F., 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. Th. S., 1.30; O.p., W. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Th., 1.30; Ophthalmic Department, W., 2; Ear, Th., 2; Skin, F., 1.30; Throat, F., 1.30; Dental, M. Th., 9.30.
- London.—Medical, daily, exc. S., 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30 and 2; Obstetric, M. Th., 1.30; o.p. W. S., 1.30; Eye, Tu. S., 9; Ear, S., 9.30; Skin, Th., 9; Dental, Tu., 9. MIDDLESS.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. F., 9.30; o.p., W. 1.30; Eye, W. S., 9; Ear and Throat, Tu., 9; Skin, Tu., 4, Th. 9.30; Dental, M. W. F., 9.30.
- NATIONAL ORTHOPÆDIC.-M. Tu. Th. F., 2.
- NORTH-WEST LONDON.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 2; Obstetric, W., 2; Eye, W., 9; Skin, Tu., 2; Dental, F. 9.
- ROYAL ORTHOP EDIC .- Daily, 1.
- ROYAL FREE.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 2; Diseases of Women, Tu. S., 9; Eye, M. F., 9; Dental, Th. 9.
- St. Bartholomew's.—Medical and Surgical daily, 1.30; Cbetetric, Tu. Th. S., 2; o.p., W. S., 9; Eye, W. Th. S., 2.30; Ear, Tu. F., 2; Skin, F., 1.30; Larynx, F., 2.30; Orthopædic, M., 2.30; Dental, Tu. F., 9.
- St. George's.—Medical and Surgical, M. T. F. S., 12; Obstetric, Th. 2; o.p., Eye, W. S. 2; Ear, Tu., 2; Skin, W.,2; Throat, Th., 2; Orthopædic, W., 2; Dental, Tu., S., 9.
- St. Mark's Hospital.—Fistula and Diseases of Rectum, males, W., 8.45; females, Th., 8.45.
- ST. Mar, S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.45, o.p., 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.45; Eye, Tu. F.S., 9; Ear, M. Th., 3; Orthopædic, W., 10; Throat, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin, M. Th., 9.30; Electro-therapeutics, Tu. F., 2; Dental, W. S., 9.30; Consultations, M., 2.30; Operations, Tu., 1.30; Ophthalmic Operations, F., 9.
- St. Thomas's.—Medical and Surgical, daily, except Sat., 2; Obstetric, Tu, F., 2; o.p., W., 1.30; Eye, M. Tu, W. Th., F, 1.30; o.p., daily, except Sat., 1.30; Bar, M., 1.30; Skin, F., 1.30; Throat, Tu, F., 1.30; Children, S., 1.30; Dental, Tu, F., 10.
- University College.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetrics, M. Th., 1.30; Tu., W. F., 2; Eye, Tu. F., 2; Ear, M. F., 9; Skin, W., 1.45, S., 9.15; Throat, Th., 1.30; Dental, W., 9.30.
- WESTMINSTER.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1; Eye, M. Th., 2.30; Ear, M., 9; Skin, W., 1; Dental, W. S., 9.55.

## OPERATION DAYS AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

- MONDAY..........10 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—10.30 A.M.: Royal Free (Ophthalmic Department).—1.30 P.M.: Guy's (Ophthalmic Department); Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.—2 P.M.: Central London Ophthalmic; Hospital for Women; Royal Orthopædic; St. Mark's; London.—2.30 P.M.: Chelsea Hospital for Women; pital for Women.
- TUESDAY........10 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1.30 P.M.: Guy's; Royal Westminster Ophthalmic; St. Bartholomew's (Ophthalmic Department); St. Mary's.—2 P.M.: Cancer Hospital, Brompton; Central London Ophthalmic; London; Westminster.—2.30 P.M.: St. Mark's; West London.—4 P.M.: St. Thomas's (Ophthalmic Department).
- WEDNESDAY .... 10 A.M.: National Orthopædic; Royal London Ophthalmic-.10 A.M.: National Orthopædic).—1 P.M.: Middlesex.—1.30 P.M.: St. Mary's (Orthopædic).—1 P.M.: Middlesex.—1.30 P.M.: Royal Westminster Ophthalmic; St. Bartholomew's; St. Thomas's.—2 P.M.: Central London Ophthalmic; Great Northern Central; London; Royal Free; University College; Westminster.—2.30 P.M.: St. Peter's; Samaritan Free Hospital for Women and Children.—3 to 4 P.M.: King's College.
- THURSDAY ......10 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1 P.M.: St. George's.—

  1.30 P.M.: St. Bartholomew's (Ophthalmic Department);
  Guy's (Ophthalmic Department); Royal Westminster Ophthalmic.—2 P.M.: Central London Ophthalmic; Charing Cross;
  Hospital for Diseases of the Throat; Hospital for Women;
  London: University.—2.30 P.M.: Chelsea Hospital for Women; North-West London.
- FRIDAY ..........9 A.M.: Metropolitan; St. Mary's (Ophthalmic Department).

  -10 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.-10.30 A.M.: Royal
  Free (Ophthalmic Department).-1.15 P.M.: St. George's (Ophthalmic Department).-1.30 P.M.: Guy's; Royal Westminster
  Ophthalmic.-2 P.M.: Central London Ophthalmic; East
  London Hospital for Children; King's College; London;
  St. Thomas's (Ophthalmic Department).-2.30 P.M.: West
- SATURDAY.......9 A.M.: Royal Free (Department for Diseases of Women).—

  10 A.M.: Royal London Ophthalmic.—1 P.M.: King's College.

  —1.30 P.M.: Royal Westminster Ophthalmic; St. Bartholomew's; St. Thomas's.—2 P.M.: Cancer Hospital, Brompton; Central London Ophthalmic; Charing Cross; London; Middlesex; Royal Free; University.

# LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

- COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK'S JOURNAL SHOULD REACH THE OFFICE NOT LATER THAN MIDDAY POST ON WEDNESDAY, TELEGRAMS CAN BE RECEIVED ON THURSDAY MORNING.
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- spondents or the following week. MANUSCRIPTS FORWARDED TO THE OFFICE OF THIS JOURNAL CANNOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES BE RETURNED.
- Public Health Department.—We shall be much obliged to Medical Officers of Health if they will, on ferwarding their Annual and other Reports, favour us with Duplicate Copies.

# QUERIES.

G. A. H. asks for advice how to remove the yellowish brown stains (or, rather, pigmentation marks) which are so common on the face of some women dur-

ing and after confinement. THE EFFECT OF CASTRATION ON THE VOICE.

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M.D. writes: A patient of mine, aged 50, in robust health otherwise, has suffered very much from venous congestion of the epididymes of both testes (was operated on for varicocele with success some fourteen years ago). I have advised removal of one, or if necessary of both, testes. Can you or any of your readers say what effect, if any, such an operation will be likely to have on his voice? Strange to say some medical men (he has seen a great many) say it will alter his voice; others, equally eminent, that it will have no effect at all.

## NOTES, LETTERS, ETC.

OUT of the economies of her private purse, the Empress of Japan has just be-stowed the amount of her year's savings on the Tokio Female Hospital; the sum amounts to £1,500.

"THE BRITISH PHARMACOPCEIA."

MR. HENRY KIMPTON (London) writes: In your account of the meeting of the General Council of Medical Education and Registration, Mr. Macnamara, speaking of the proposed publication of Dr. Maybury's book by me, is reported to have said that it was intended to be issued at a lower price than the British Pharmacopaia. That is an error; the price advertised being 6s. 6d., that is, 6d. more than the British Pharmacopaia. It is also not the fact that the two books are noticed in the street two sets that the two books are noticed in the street two sets that the two heaves fact that the two books are printed in the same type, as stated by the same

PRIZE FOR AN ESSAY ON FISH POISONING.

THE Russian Academy of Sciences offers a prize of 5,000 roubles (£500) for the best inquiry into the nature and effects of the poison which develops in cured fish. The objects of the competitors must be: "(1) To determine, by means of exact experiments, the physical and chemical nature of the poison which develops in fish; (2) to study, by experiments on animals, its action upon the heart, the circulation of the blood, the organs of digestion, and the nervous system; (3) to determine the rapidity of its absorption by the digestive organs; and (4) to study and describe the characteristics which may serve to distinguish contaminated fish from such as are not contaminated." The fifth and sixth questions, with which it may be impossible for any one to deal satisfactorily, relate to the means of preserving fish from the development of the poison, and to the question of counter-poisons and the medical treatment of poisoned persons. The competition is open to all. The memoirs must be sent in, either in manuscript or printed, before January 1st, 1893, and may be written in any one of the following languages: Russian, Latin, French, English, German. If none of the papers is deemed worthy of the full prize, the accumulated interest upon the above-named sum may be handed over to the author who presents the best solution to some part of the problem.

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"PEROMELUS APUS."

MR. MARK STYLE (Bromyard) writes: Dr. Nisbet's case, reported in the Journal, July 6th, reminds me of a case I inspected a few years ago in a travelling show. The man was some 25 years of age, and gained his living by acting as boot maker to the troupe, as well as by showing himself to the public. There was absolutely no sign of a lower extremity on either side, and I could make out no acetabula; there was some puckering of the skin over the pelvic boons. The humeri were abnormally long, both forearms terminating above the wrist joint; otherwise he was a well developed, strongly built man.

MUNICIPAL APPRECIATION OF MEDICAL SERVICES.

"IT is unfortunately not often," says the New York Medical Journal, "that a municipality sets a just estimate upon medical services for which it is called upon to pay. A commendable example in this respect has been set by the Municipal Assembly of St. Louis in voting an appropriation of 500 dollars to Dr. A. C. Bernays for attendance on a member of the police force who had been injured in the discharge of his duty. The case was one of gunshot wound of the abdomen involving the stomach, the duodenum, and the jejunum, and immediate laparotomy was performed with perfect success."

Maggors in the Ear.

J. Holmes, M.D., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A.Lond. (Southam) writes: A man, 66, with a history of middle ear disease from infancy, and who had been totally deaf in left ear since that time, came to the surgery on July 24th complaining of "maggors in the ear." He said that whilst haymaking about 2 p.m. on July 23rd, a small blow fly settled in his ear and remained there for about ten minutes in spite of his repeated endeavours to dislodge it. About 2 A.M. on July 24th he felt a stabbing pain in his ear, and there was a slight discharge of blood. He inserted some fresh cotton-wool in his ear, and on subsequently removing this found one or two small maggots. He came to the surgery at midday on the same day, and on removing the wool from the ear there was a small maggot on it, and two observed crawling on his neck. His ear was syringed, and one or two came away. He was told to drop some sweet oil into his ear. He returned on the morning of July 25th, and his ear was syringed with a weak antiseptic solution, and one larger one came away. He then stated that about forty had come away altogether. He returned in He then stated that about forty had come away altogether. He returned in the evening feeling much more comfortable, and believes there are no more there. They had the appearance of ordinary maggots, such as one sees in fly-blown meat, and were from about a quarter to half-an-inch in length.

Post-Diphtheritic Paralysis.

E. Mansel Sympson, M.B. (Lincoln) writes: A girl, aged 9, who has been a patient of mine lately, possesses a history of, I think, some interest. Two months ago she had a bad sore throat; "it looked whitish," the mother said. After a week, when she had got rid of a lot of whitish phlegm, her speech was thick, and fluids returned through her nose; also her accommodation was impaired. Later, she seemed to have no command over her legs, and when I saw her there was no knee-jerk to be obtained. Her breathing apparently was never affected, nor did her voice become "croupy." Here, then, was a case of diphtheria with typical paralysis following, and the mother had not thought it necessary to send for a doctor! Again, there were three other children living in the house; one had a slight sore throat, so that the susceptibility to contagion varied greatly in that one house.

DEATHS FROM PHTHISIS.

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DR. ALEXANDER JAMES writes to say that with reference to a passage in the review of his work on Pulmonary Phthisis which appeared in the JOHRNAL of April 6th last, in which it was stated that the results given in the first Brompton Hospital Report as regards age in phthisis were "founded on much larger data" than his own, that he has ascertained that the number of cases in the Report referred to was 4,358, whilst thenumber of cases from which his conclusions were drawn was 81,626, namely, the total deaths from phthisis in Scotland for ten years. Scotland for ten years.

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Clinical Lectures on Diseases of the Nervous System. By Professor J. M. Charcot. Volume III. Translated by T. Savill, M.D.Lond., M.R.C.P.L. London: The New Sydenham Society.

On the Respiratory Functions of the Nose, and their relation to certain Pathological Conditions. By Greville Macdonald, M.D.Lond. London: A. P. Watt. 1889.

Health Troubles of City Life. By George Herschell, M.D.Lond. Bristol: J. Wright and Co. London: Hamilton Adams and Co. 1889.

Manual of Musical Drill. By George Cruden, A.M. London: Simpkin, Mar-

shall, and Co. 1889.

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