

THE CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.

THE NEW STAFF.

IN consequence of the recent resignation of the entire staff of the Chelsea Hospital for Women, it became necessary for the Board of Management to elect new officers. This they proceeded to do on Wednesday, August 15th. The Committee of Selection, consisting of Sir Spencer Wells and Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson, Consulting Surgeons, and Dr. Robert Barnes, Consulting Physician, Mr. Brookes, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Wood and Major Probyn, members of the Board of Management, having considered the claims of the various candidates, reported to the Board of Management, Lord Cadogan, the President, being in the chair. The following gentlemen were then elected: As Physicians to In-Patients, Dr. William Duncan and Dr. William Hugh Fenton; as Physicians to Out-Patients, Dr. J. Inglis Parsons, Dr. Arthur E. Giles, Dr. T. W. Eden, and Dr. R. T. A. O'Callaghan.

It will be observed that the numerical strength of the staff has been reduced, there now being two physicians to in-patients instead of three, and four physicians to out-patients instead of the six there were before; also, that neither pathologist or registrar has as yet been appointed.

Dr. William Duncan is Obstetric Physician and Lecturer on Obstetric Medicine at the Middlesex Hospital, and Examiner in Midwifery and Diseases of Women at the Conjoint Board. Dr. O'Callaghan has been Surgeon to the County Infirmary at Carlow. The other gentlemen appointed have already held office at the hospital. It should be added that, in making their selection, the Committee had before them the full evidence taken by the Committee of Inquiry which recently investigated the results of the operative work at the hospital, and were therefore in a position to know the facts upon which the Commission of Inquiry reported.

THE CHOLERA.

THE Town Clerk of Edinburgh has just sent out a circular letter to the medical men of Edinburgh, requesting them for the next two months to report cases of British cholera and choleraic diarrhoea, in addition to the diseases at present requiring to be notified.

Dr. Collingridge has removed another suspicious case from Gravesend. Dr. Klein's examination of the intestines of the fatal case on the ship confirms the diagnosis of Asiatic cholera. The bacteriological test has also proved the diagnosis in one other case from the same vessel. Four patients were detained under treatment. Up to August 10th there were no further cases officially reported.

There were only 22 cases of cholera and 14 deaths in St. Petersburg on August 9th. Between August 5th and August 11th 156 cases of cholera and 101 deaths occurred. An official denial is given to the report that the disease has broken out at Nijni Novgorod. The fair at that place is far more numerously attended than it was last year, and neither in the town itself nor at the fair has any case of cholera occurred. At Warsaw there were 139 cases and 75 deaths between July 29th and August 4th, and, during the same period, 125 cases and 72 deaths in the Government of Petrikau, and 321 cases and 104 deaths in that of St. Petersburg. In the Government of Radom 575 cases and 288 deaths occurred between July 22nd and 28th.

Reports received from Galicia and Bukovina, on August 8th, show that cholera prevailed in seventeen administrative districts in these provinces. Sixteen cases and 9 deaths had occurred in the district of Zaleszczyki, and 14 cases and 8 deaths in the district of Horodenka.

The most prolific centre is the town of Zaleszczyki, which has become a very hotbed of cholera. Nothing like it has, at all events, been known in Austria for the last two years. In the brief space of about two months no less than 5 per cent. of the entire population in the town have been attacked by the disease. At the present time ten districts in Eastern Galicia are declared infected; they form one united area, subject to the same sanitary regulations. These districts lie in the basins of Dniester and Pruth. The same spot formed the cholera centre of last year. The reason that the epidemic has remained confined to this region may very possibly be that it is not intersected by any railway, and that there is very little traffic with the outer world.

In the last few days the number of daily cases in Galicia averaged from 70 to 80, and nearly half the attacks ended fatally. According to the latest official returns 165 cases of cholera and 74 deaths had occurred in Galicia, and up to August 14th there had been 33 cases and 20 deaths in Bukovina.

According to reports from Mietzwezen, in the district of Lyck, in Prussian Poland, the malady among the population there is Asiatic cholera, and not, as was supposed, caused by the eating of diseased herrings. Eighteen persons have died. Up to August 12th, in Prussia there have been reported 45 cases and 15 deaths. In the Vistula district, near Danzig, there had been 11 cases since the 9th of the month, 3 of which ended fatally. Cholera having been proved to have been the cause of the illness in two cases at Cologne, the authorities ordered an examination of the water from the Rhine, and insisted on the adoption of strict precautions. These two cases were brought up the Rhine from Holland.

On August 8th, a fatal case of cholera nostras was registered at Lucena in the province of Cordova, Spain.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL.

At a meeting of the Council, held in the Council Room, Victoria Rooms, Bristol, on Tuesday, July 31st, 1894:—

Present:

Dr. J. WARD COUSINS, President of the Council, in the chair.

Dr. G. HARE PHILIPSON, President.

Dr. E. LONG FOX, President-elect.

Mr. HENRY T. BUTLIN, Treasurer.

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| Dr. J. BARR, Liverpool. | Sir W. MOORE, K.C.I.E., London. |
| Dr. M. BEVERLEY, Norwich. | Mr. R. H. B. NICHOLSON, Hull. |
| Dr. T. BRIDGWATER, Harrow-on-the-Hill. | Mr. C. H. W. PARKINSON, Wimborne Minster. |
| Mr. LANGLEY BROWNE, West Bromwich. | Dr. F. M. POPE, Leicester. |
| Dr. J. S. CAMERON, Leeds. | Dr. W. RUSSELL, Edinburgh. |
| Mr. ANDREW CLARK, London. | Dr. R. SAUNDY, Birmingham. |
| Surg.-Gen. W. R. CORNISH, London. | Dr. A. SHEEN, Cardiff. |
| Dr. H. R. CROCKER, London. | Dr. E. MARKHAM SKERRITT, Clifton. |
| Dr. G. W. CROWE, Worcester. | Mr. NOBLE SMITH, London. |
| Mr. G. EASTES, London. | Dr. R. SOMERVILLE, Galashiels. |
| Dr. W. T. EDWARDS, Cardiff. | Dr. J. ROBERTS THOMSON, Bournemouth. |
| Dr. W. A. ELLISTON, Ipswich. | Dr. T. W. TREND, Southampton. |
| Sir B. WALTER FOSTER, M.D., M.P., Birmingham. | Mr. T. J. VERRALL, Brighton. |
| Dr. J. H. GALTON, Upper Norwood. | Dr. W. F. WADE, Birmingham. |
| Dr. BRUCE GOFF, Bothwell. | Mr. F. WALLACE, Upper Clapton. |
| Dr. W. GORDON, Exeter. | Mr. C. G. WHEELHOUSE, Filey. |
| Mr. J. H. HEMMING, Kimbolton. | Mr. JOSEPH WHITE, Nottingham. |
| Dr. C. HOLMAN, London. | Dr. W. L. WINTERBOTHAM, Bridgwater. |
| Mr. EVAN JONES, Aberdeen. | |
| Mr. JORDAN LLOYD, Birmingham. | |

The minutes of the last Council meeting having been printed and circulated, and no objection taken thereto, were signed as correct.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Dr. Withers Moore, Mr. Jessop, Dr. Parsons (of Dover), and Dr. Francis Bateman.

Read letter from Dr. Rentoul, of which the following is a copy:—

78, Hartington Road, Liverpool, S.
July 22nd, 1894.

Will you please bring the enclosed notice before the Council of the Association at its first meeting. If the Council will agree to adopt this suggestion relating to the proposed reconstruction of the Parliamentary Bills Committee, it will facilitate matters. You will see it would reduce the Parliamentary Bills Committee from 77 to 41. I think it would not be right to give the same number of representatives to a Branch, say with 48 members, as is given to a Branch with 900.—Yours faithfully,

R. R. RENTOUL.

That as it has been recommended by the Council of the Association that each Branch should return only one representative to the Parliamentary Bills Committee; and as By-law 17 of the Association enacts that each Branch shall elect one representative to the Council of the Association, and an additional representative for every complete 200 members of a Branch, and as there should always be a proper relation between the number of members of a Branch and the number of its elected representatives; this meeting agrees that each Branch elect one representative to the Parliamentary Bills Committee, and an additional representative for every complete 300 members of a Branch—thus reducing the present number of members of the Parliamentary Bills Committee from 77 to 41.

Resolved: That in proposing the appointment of the committee the suggestion of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch on the constitution of the Parliamentary Bills Committee be adopted.

Resolved: That the 116 candidates whose names appear on the circular convening the meeting, with one exception, be and they are hereby elected members of the Association; and those candidates whose names appear on the list in the Daily Journal of Tuesday, July 31st, be provisionally elected, subject to confirmation at the October meeting of the Council.

The General Secretary reported the names of the Colonial representatives expected to be present during the meeting: