

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

At an extraordinary general meeting of members of the Association, held at the New Public Hall, Carlisle, on Tuesday, July 28th, 1896, for the purpose of considering, and, if thought desirable, to confirm the resolution passed at an extraordinary general meeting of members held at the Midland Institute, Birmingham, on Monday, July 13th, 1896,

Present :

Dr. J. WARD COUSINS, President of Council, in the chair.
Dr. HENRY BARNES, President-elect.
Mr. HENRY T. BUTLIN, F.R.C.S. Lond., Treasurer.

ALDERSON, F. H., M.D., London.
APPLETON, T. A., M.R.C.S., London.
BAHADURJI, K. N., M.D., Bombay and London.
BARCLAY, Wm. B., L.R.C.P., Bacup.
BARR, JAMES, M.D., Liverpool.
BIRD, J. B., M.B., Carlisle.
BOWSER, J. E., M.B., Penrith.
BRIDGWATER, THOMAS, M.B., Harrow.
BROADBENT, G. H., M.R.C.S., Manchester.
BROWN, GEORGE, M.R.C.S., London.
BROWN, WILLIAM, F.R.C.S., Carlisle.
BROWNE, H. LANGLEY, F.R.C.S., West Bromwich.
CAMPBELL, J., M.D., Belfast.
CANTLIE, JAMES, M.D., London.
CLIPPINGDALE, S. D., M.D., London.
CLARK, ANDREW, F.R.C.S., London.
COLLINGTON, F. A., M.R.C.S., Ecclefechan.
CRAIG, JAMES, M.D., Dublin.
CROCKER, H. RADCLIFFE, M.D., London.
DAVIS, C. H., M.R.C.S., West Hartlepool.
DE VILLE, TITUS, M.D., Devizes.
DIXEY, FREDERICK A., M.D., Oxford.
DOUGLAS, W., M.D., Leamington Spa.
DRAGE, LOVELL, M.D., Hatfield.
DRAKE-BROCKMAN, Brig.-Surg. E. F., F.R.C.S., London.
DRAPER, JAMES WM., M.R.C.S., Huddersfield.
DUDLEY, W. E., L.R.C.P., Bath.
DUFFEY, GEORGE F., M.D., Dublin.
DUNKLEY, W. WILBERFORCE, F.R.C.P., Coventry.
EASTES, GEORGE, M.B., London.
ELLISTON, W. A., M.D., Ipswich.
EVANS, MAURICE G., M.D., Caerphilly.
EWART, Sir JOSEPH, M.D., Brighton.
EYRE, M. S., M.B., Sandgate.

FELCE, STAMFORD, M.R.C.P., London.
FENN, S. BLACKWELL, L.R.C.P., Wigan.
FENWICK, BEDFORD, M.D., London.
FINZI, J. M., M.D., London.
FULTON, GEO. C. H., M.B., Middlesbro'-on-Tees.
GIBSON, Surg.-Lt.-Col. G. J., M.D., Totnes.
GOFF, BRUCE, M.D., Bothwell.
GOODALL, CHARLES E., M.B., Victoria.
GOODCHILD, J. A., L.R.C.P., Bordighera.
GORDON, WILLIAM, M.D., Exeter.
GRAHAM, C. W., L.R.C.P., London.
GRAMSHAW, F. SIDNEY, M.D., Easingwold.
GRANGE, W. D. O., M.D., Harrogate.
GROVES, JOSEPH, M.D., Carisbrooke.
GUBB, A. S., M.D., London.
HAMILTON, D. J., M.B., Aberdeen.
HAMILTON, J. R., M.D., Hawick.
HANDFORD, H., M.D., Nottingham.
HARDY, H. NELSON, F.R.C.S., Dulwich.
HARMAN, W. M., M.D., Winchester.
HARRIS, ROBERT, M.B., Southampton.
HARRISON, R., F.R.C.S., Shorncliffe.
HASLAM, WILLIAM F., F.R.C.S., Birmingham.
HELM, ROBT. DUNDAS, M.D., Carlisle.
HEMMING, J. HUGHES, M.R.C.S., Kimbolton.
HOLLOWAY, S. F., L.R.C.P., Devizes.
HOLMES, J., M.D., Whitfield.
HORDER, T. GARRETT, L.R.C.P., Cardiff.
HORSLEY, VICTOR, F.R.C.S., London.
HUDSON, GEO., M.D., Scarborough.
HUNTER, WM. L., M.D., Pudsey.
IANSON, T. F., M.D., Whitehaven.
INCE, Surg.-Col. JOHN, M.D., Swanley.

JOHNSTON, J. S., L.R.C.P., Hounslow.
JOHNSTON, S., M.D., Bradford.
JONES, EVAN, M.R.C.S., Aberdare.
KENWORTHY, A. B., M.B., Southport.
KERR, NORMAN, F.R.S., London.
LAFFAN, T., M.R.C.P., Cashel.
LOYD, JORDAN, F.R.C.S., Birmingham.
LOGAN, THOMAS, M.D., Wibesey.
McCORMACK, W., L.R.C.S.E., Glenluce, N.B.
MACNAMARA, N. C., F.R.C.S., London.
MANNING, H. J., M.R.C.S., Salisbury.
MASTERS, JOHN A., M.D., London.
MICKLE, W. J., M.D., London.
MILLER, ALEXANDER, L.R.C.P., Glasgow.
MILLER, J. W., M.D., Dundee.
MOORE, JOHN WILLIAM, M.D., Dublin.
MORRIS, W. JONES, M.R.C.S., Portmadoc.
MOSSOP, ISAAC, F.R.C.S., Bradford.
MUIR, W. L., L.R.C.P., Glasgow.
NICHOLSON, R. H., M.R.C.S., Hull.
ORR, JOHN, M.B., Manchester.
OSWALD, J. W. J., M.D., London.
OWEN, Surg.-Maj. C. W., London.
PARKER, W. RUSHTON, M.D., Kendal.
PARKINSON, C. W. H., M.R.C.S., Wimborne.
PARRY, T. W., M.R.C.S., Ferndale, Glam.
PEART, R. T., M.D., North Shields.
PENNY, Dep.-Surg.-Gen. J. C., M.D., London.

POPE, F. M., M.D., Leicester.
QUICKE, Surg.-Maj. W. H., London.
RANKIN, JAMES, L.F.P.S.G., Kilmarnock.
RENTOUL, R. R., M.D., Liverpool.
RICHARDS, J. P., M.D., Ealing.
ROBERTSON, ALEX., M.D., Glasgow.
RUSSELL, WM., M.D., Edinburgh.
SAUNDBY, ROBT., M.D., Birmingham.
SHUTTLEWORTH, G. E., M.D., Richmond.
SINCLAIR, GEORGE, L.R.C.P., Kirkwall.
SMITH, WALTER, M.D., London.
SOMERVILLE, R., M.D., Galashiels.
TAIT, LAWSON, F.R.C.S., Birmingham.
TAPSON, JOHN, M.D., London.
THOMSON, J. ROBERTS, M.D., Bournemouth.
THORNE, W. BEZLY, M.D., London.
TREND, THEOPHILUS W., M.D., Southampton.
VAN SOMEREN, ERNEST H., M.R.C.S., London.
VAN SOMEREN, GEO. A., M.D., London.
VERRALL, T. JENNER, M.R.C.S., Brighton.
VESEY, C. LYON, Fleet-Surg. R.N., London.
WADE, Sir WILLUGHBY, M.D., Birmingham.
WELSFORD, ARTHUR G., M.D., Dover.
WHEELHOUSE, C. G., F.R.C.S., Filey.
WHITE, JOSEPH, F.R.C.S.E., London.
WILSON, THOMAS, F.R.C.S., Wallsend-on-Tyne.
WINGATE, SAUL W. W., M.D., Lancaster.
WOODCOCK, S., M.D., Manchester.

Read notice convening meeting as follows :

NOTICE OF SPECIAL BUSINESS.

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held in the New Public Hall, Carlisle, on Tuesday, the 28th day of July, 1896, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, when the subjoined resolution will be proposed, pursuant to the Companies (Memorandum of Association) Act, 1890. The resolution, having been duly passed by the required majority at an extraordinary general meeting held at the Midland Institute, Birmingham, on July 13th last, will be submitted for confirmation as a special resolution.

Moved by the PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, seconded by Mr. MACNAMARA :

That the provisions contained in the Memorandum of Association with respect to the objects of the Association be altered as follows :

1. By substituting for paragraph (a) the following paragraph, namely :
(a) By holding the meetings of the Association in different parts of the United Kingdom and different parts of the British Empire.
2. By substituting for paragraph (d) the following paragraph, namely :
(d) By the grant of expenditure of such sums of money out of the funds of the Association for the promotion of the medical or allied sciences, or for the defence, promotion, or maintenance of the honour or interests of the medical profession, by such means, and

in such manner, as the Council of the Association may think fit, in cluding in particular taking or defending legal proceedings, and promoting or opposing Bills in Parliament.

3. By substituting for paragraph (e) the following paragraphs, namely :
 - (e) By undertaking any trusts that may seem to the Council of the Association directly or indirectly conducive to the interests of the medical profession.
 - (f) By delegating to any Branches of the Association in the United Kingdom or elsewhere such of the powers of the Association as in the opinion of the Council of the Association it shall be expedient to delegate.
 - (g) And by such other lawful means as in the opinion of the Council of the Association shall seem best calculated to promote the medical and allied sciences, or to maintain the honour and interests of the medical profession.

By omitting from Clause 6 of the Memorandum of Association the words "Committee of."

The motion having been put from the Chair, the same was declared to be carried.

It was moved by the PRESIDENT of COUNCIL, seconded by Mr. MACNAMARA :

That the first paragraph of Clause 6 of the Articles of Association shall read as follows :

"Every member of the Association shall pay a subscription to the Association of one guinea per annum, but the Council shall have the power to increase or diminish this sum provided that in no case shall the total amount to be paid by each member exceed 30 shillings. Such subscription shall entitle him to receive the JOURNAL of the Association for the current year."

The motion having been put from the Chair, the same was declared to be carried.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL.

At a meeting of the Council held in the Grand Jury Room, Law Courts, Carlisle, on Tuesday, July 28th, 1896,

Present :

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| Dr. J. WARD COUSINS, President of Council, in the chair. | |
| Dr. HENRY BARNES, President-elect. | |
| Mr. HENRY T. BUTLIN, Treasurer. | |
| Dr. JAMES BARR, Liverpool. | Mr. W. JONES MORRIS, Portmadoc. |
| Dr. T. BRIDGWATER, LL.D., Harrow-on-the-Hill. | Mr. R. H. B. NICHOLSON, Hull. |
| Mr. H. LANGLEY BROWNE, West Bromwich. | Dr. J. WADDELL OSWALD, London. |
| Dr. JOHN CAMPBELL, Belfast. | Mr. C. H. WATTS PARKINSON, Wimborne Minster. |
| Mr. ANDREW CLARK, London. | Dr. GEORGE HARE PHILIPSON, Newcastle-on-Tyne. |
| Dr. H. RADCLIFFE CROCKER, London. | Dr. FRANK M. POPE, Leicester. |
| Brig.-Surg.-Lieut.-Col. E. F. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, London. | Dr. WILLIAM RUSSELL, Edinburgh. |
| Mr. GEORGE EASTES, London. | Dr. ROBERT SAUNDBY, Birmingham. |
| Dr. WILLIAM A. ELLISTON, Ipswich. | Mr. NOBLE SMITH, London. |
| Dr. BRUCE GOFF, Bothwell. | Dr. ROBERT SOMERVILLE, Galashiels. |
| Dr. C. E. GOODALL, London (Melbourne). | Dr. J. ROBERTS THOMSON, Bournemouth. |
| Dr. WILLIAM GORDON, Exeter. | Dr. THEOPHILUS W. TREND, Southampton. |
| Dr. H. HANDFORD, Nottingham. | Mr. T. JENNER VERRALL, Brighton. |
| Mr. J. HUGHES HEMMING, Kimbolton. | Sir WILLOUGHBY WADE, M.D., Birmingham. |
| Mr. EVAN JONES, Aberdare. | Mr. C. GALEN WHEELHOUSE, Filey. |
| Mr. JORDAN LLOYD, Birmingham. | Mr. JOSEPH WHITE, London. |
| Mr. C. N. MACNAMARA, London. | Dr. S. WOODCOCK, Old Trafford. |
| Mr. H. J. MANNING, Salisbury. | |
| Dr. J. W. MILLER, Dundee. | |
| Dr. JOHN WILLIAM MOORE, Dublin. | |

The minutes of the 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. Galton, Mr. Wallace, Dr. Ogilvie Grant, and Dr. Beverley.

Resolved : That the 82 candidates whose names appear on

the circular convening the meeting, together with the 22 candidates appearing on the supplementary list, be and they are hereby elected members of the British Medical Association.

The President of Council reported that the following Colonial representatives were expected to be present during the meeting : Adelaide and South Australian Branch : Dr. Cavenagh Mainwaring, Dr. Cudmore, Dr. J. B. Gunson, and J. F. Nall. Barbados Branch : Charles Hudson, M.B. British Guiana Branch : Dr. J. O'Dowd Egan, Dr. F. A. Neal, Dr. J. Von Winckler, and Dr. J. K. Reid. Cape of Good Hope Branch : Dr. Dyer. Hong Kong Branch : James Cantlie, M.B., F.R.C.S., and James A. Lowson, M.B. South Indian and Madras Branch : Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel H. Allison, M.D., Surgeon-Captain F. J. Crawford, M.D., I.M.S., and Surgeon-Captain C. L. Williams, M.D., I.M.S. Trinidad and Tobago Branch : Dr. W. V. M. Koch and Dr. Thomas Murray. Melbourne and Victoria Branch : Dr. C. E. Goodall. Montreal Branch : Dr. G. E. Armstrong and Dr. J. C. Adami. Griqualand West Branch : Dr. E. O. Ashe. New South Wales Branch ; Dr. Van Someren.

Resolved : That in accordance with the requisition for the formation of a Branch at Pietermaritzburg, Natal, the Branch be recognised and the proposed by-laws accepted, subject to their examination by the Solicitor of the Association and the General Secretary.

Read letter from Dr. Hugh Woods as follows :

11, Archway Road, Highgate, London, N.,
July 10th, 1896.

DEAR SIR.—I am directed to inform you that the Council of the London and Counties Medical Protection Society this day passed the following resolution :

"This Society is glad to learn that the British Medical Association contemplates including medical defence amongst its aims and objects, and begs to assure the Council of that body that it will heartily co-operate with it and afford it any information in its power."

Yours faithfully,
HUGH WOODS,
Honorary Secretary.

The General Secretary,
British Medical Association.

Resolved : That the thanks of the Council be given to the London and Counties Medical Protection Society for the kind offer of information in the work of medical defence.

The President of Council announced that Dr. Philipson and Dr. Drummond had consented to act as representatives of the Association at the Congress of the Sanitary Institute, at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in September next.

Resolved : That medical students resident in the district be allowed to attend the sectional meetings.

The notices of motion for the annual meeting were reported to the meeting.

ATTENDANCES OF COUNCIL FOR 1895-6.—EIGHT MEETINGS.

	Total Attendances.
Sir J. Russell Reynolds, Bart., F.R.S., London, President (dead)	1
Dr. Henry Barnes, Carlisle, President-Elect	4
Dr. J. Ward Cousins, Portsmouth, President of Council	8
Mr. H. T. Butlin, D.C.L., F.R.C.S., London, Vice-President, Treasurer	8
Sir H. W. Acland, K.C.B., M.D., F.R.S., Oxford, Vice-President	0
Dr. E. Atherstone, Grrahamstown, R.	0
Sir J. T. Banks, M.D., Dublin, Vice-President	0
Dr. James Barr, Liverpool, R.	8
Dr. G. B. Barron, Southport, R.	6
Mr. B. Barrow, F.R.C.S., Ryde, Vice-President	0
Dr. R. W. Batten, Gloucester, R.	3
Dr. M. Beverley, Norwich, R.	5
Dr. T. Bridgwater, LL.D., Harrow-on-the Hill, Vice-President	6
Mr. Langley Browne, F.R.C.S., West Bromwich, R.	6
Dr. J. S. Cameron, Leeds, R.	6
Dr. John Campbell, Belfast, R.	3
Mr. Andrew Clark, F.R.C.S., London, R.	8
Dr. H. Radcliffe Crocker, London, R.	5
Dr. G. W. Crowe, Worcester, R.	4
Dr. J. Cuming, Belfast, Vice-President	1
Dr. A. Dempsey, Belfast, R.	2
Dr. E. H. Dickinson, Liverpool, R.	5
Mr. E. Donaldson, Londonderry, R.	1
Dr. J. Langdon H. Down, London, R.	3
Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel E. F. Drake-Brockman, F.R.C.S., London, R.	7
Dr. D. Drummond, D.C.L., Newcastle-on-Tyne, R.	3
Mr. George Eastes, M.B., London, R.	6
Dr. W. T. Edwards, Cardiff, Vice-President	0
Dr. W. G. Ellis, Malaya, R.	0
Dr. W. A. Elliston, Ipswich, R.	8

Dr. David W. Finlay, Aberdeen, R.	6
Sir B. W. Foster, M.D., D.C.L., M.P., Birmingham, Vice-President	4
Mr. R. S. Fowler, Bath, R.	2
Dr. E. Long Fox, Clifton, Vice-President	0
Professor W. T. Gairdner, M.D., F.R.S., Glasgow, Vice-President	0
Dr. J. H. Galton, Upper Norwood, R.	5
Dr. Bruce Goff, Bothwell, R.	3
Dr. C. E. Goodall, London, R.	3
Dr. Wm. Gordon, Exeter, R.	6
Dr. Ogilvie Grant, Inverness, R.	7
Dr. H. Handford, Nottingham, R.	4
Mr. John D. Harries, Shrewsbury, R.	4
Mr. E. Hassell, British Columbia, R.	8
Mr. J. H. Hemming, Kimbolton, R.	8
Dr. Holman, London, Vice-President	8
Professor Sir G. M. Humphry, M.D., F.R.S., Cambridge, Vice-President	0
Dr. J. B. Isaac, Crowthorne, R.	2
Mr. T. Vincent Jackson, Wolverhampton, R.	5
Mr. T. R. Jessop, F.R.C.S., Leeds, R.	5
Mr. Evan Jones, Aberdare, R.	0
Dr. E. G. Leary, Alfreton, R.	5
Mr. Jordan Lloyd, F.R.C.S., Birmingham, R.	4
Dr. E. H. Lutner, Queensland, R.	0
Mr. L. Mackenzie, Tiverton, R.	2
Mr. C. N. Macnamara, F.R.C.S., London, Vice-President	7
Mr. H. J. Manning, Salisbury, R.	6
Dr. J. W. Miller, Dundee, R.	5
Dr. John William Moore, Dublin, R.	2
Sir W. Moore, K.C.I.E., London, R.	3
Mr. W. Jones Morris, Portmadoc, R.	8
Mr. R. H. B. Nicholson, Hull, R.	6
Dr. J. W. Oswald, London, R.	8
Mr. C. H. W. Parkinson, Wimborne Minster, R.	7
Dr. C. Parsons, Dover, R.	2
Dr. G. H. Philpson, D.C.L., Newcastle-on-Tyne, Vice-President	0
Dr. J. W. Plaxton, Jamaica, R.	7
Dr. F. M. Pope, Leicester, R.	0
Mr. H. Power, F.R.C.S., London, R.	3
Dr. W. Russell, Edinburgh, R.	4
Dr. A. W. Sandford, Cork, R.	2
Dr. R. Saundby, Birmingham, R.	6
Dr. A. Sheen, Cardiff, R.	6
Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel D. Sinclair, M.D., Rangoon, R.	0
Dr. E. Markham Skerritt, Clifton, R.	6
Mr. Noble Smith, London, R.	7
Dr. R. Somerville, Galashiels, R.	5
Dr. J. C. Stawell, Bagnalstown, R.	8
Mr. Henry Stear, Saffron Walden, R.	2
Dr. J. Strachan, Dollar, R.	1
Mr. J. Taylor, F.R.C.S., Chester, R.	6
Dr. J. Roberts Thomson, Bournemouth, Vice-President	0
Surgeon-Major W. B. Thomson, M.S., York, R.	0
Dr. W. Tobin, Nova Scotia, R.	6
Dr. T. W. Trend, Southampton, R.	6
Dr. W. Turner, Gibraltar, R.	3
Dr. A. R. Urquhart, Perth, R.	8
Mr. T. J. Verrall, Brighton, R.	4
Sir Willoughby Wade, Birmingham, Vice-President	7
Mr. F. Wallace, Upper Clapton, R.	0
Dr. A. T. H. Waters, Liverpool, Vice-President	4
Mr. C. G. Wheelhouse, F.R.C.S., Filey, Vice-President	7
Mr. Joseph White, D.C.L., F.R.C.S., London, Vice-President	4
Mr. G. E. Williamson, F.R.C.S., Newcastle-on-Tyne, R.	6
Mr. Alfred Winkfield, F.R.C.S., Oxford, R.	5
Dr. W. L. Winterbotham, Bridgwater, R.	6
Dr. S. Woodcock, Old Trafford, R.	6

* The letter R. signifies Representative of a Branch.

At a meeting of the Council, held in the Grand Jury Room, Law Courts, Carlisle, on Wednesday, July 29th, 1896:

Present:

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

Dr. HENRY BARNES, President.

Dr. JAMES BARR, Liverpool.	Mr. GEORGE EASTES, London.
Dr. THOMAS BRIDGWATER, Hartow-on-the-Hill.	Dr. W. A. ELLISTON, Ipswich.
Mr. LANGLEY BROWNE, West Bromwich.	Dr. BRUCE GOFF, Bothwell.
Mr. HENRY T. BUTLIN, London.	Dr. WILLIAM GORDON, Exeter.
Dr. JOHN CAMPBELL, Belfast.	Dr. H. HANDFORD, Nottingham.
Mr. ANDREW CLARK, London.	Mr. J. HUGHES HEMMING, Kimbolton.
Dr. H. RADCLIFFE CROCKER, London.	Mr. T. VINCENT JACKSON, Wolverhampton.
Dr. T. M. DOLAN, Halifax.	Mr. EVAN JONES, Aberdare.
Brig.-Surg.-Lieut.-Col. E. F. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, London.	Mr. JORDAN LLOYD, Birmingham.
	Mr. C. N. MACNAMARA, London.

Mr. H. J. MANNING, Salisbury.	Dr. R. SOMERVILLE, Galashiels.
Dr. J. W. MILLER, Dundee.	Dr. J. ROBERTS THOMSON, Bournemouth.
Dr. JOHN WILLIAM MOORE, Dublin.	Dr. THEOPHILUS W. TREND, Southampton.
Mr. W. JONES MORRIS, Portmadoc.	Dr. A. R. URQUHART, Perth.
Mr. R. H. B. NICHOLSON, Hull.	Mr. T. JENNER VERRALL, Brighton.
Dr. J. W. OSWALD, London.	Sir WILLOUGHBY WADE, M.D., Birmingham.
Mr. C. H. WATTS PARKINSON, Wimborne Minster.	Mr. C. G. WHEELHOUSE, Filey.
Dr. R. W. PHILIP, Edinburgh.	Mr. JOSEPH WHITE, London.
Dr. GEORGE HARE PHILIPSON, Newcastle-on-Tyne.	Dr. S. WOODCOCK, Old Trafford.
Dr. FRANK M. POPE, Leicester.	
Dr. WILLIAM RUSSELL, Edinburgh.	

The minutes of the Council meeting of July 28th were read and confirmed.

Read list of the elected representatives of Branches for the year 1896-97 as follows:

Aberdeen, Banff, and Kincardine Branch.—D. W. Finlay, Aberdeen. *Aelaide and South Australia Branch.*—(No return.) *Barbados Branch.*—Surgeon-Major W. B. Thomson, York. *Bath and Bristol Branch.*—R. S. Fowler, Bath; E. M. Skerritt, Bristol. *Bermuda Branch.*—(No return.) *Birmingham and Midland Counties Branch.*—L. Browne, West Bromwich; J. Lloyd, Birmingham; R. Saundby, Birmingham. *Bombay Branch.*—(No return.) *Border Counties Branch.*—E. Somerville, Galashiels. *Brisbane and Queensland Branch.*—(No return.) *British Columbia Branch.*—(No return.) *British Guiana Branch.*—(No return.) *Burma Branch.*—(No return.) *Cambridge and Huntingdon Branch.*—H. Stear, Essex. *Cape of Good Hope Branch.*—(No return.) *Colombo, Ceylon Branch.*—(No return.) *Cork and South of Ireland Branch.*—A. Sandford, Cork. *Deccan Branch.*—(No return.) *Dorset and West Hants Branch.*—C. H. W. Parkinson, Wimborne Minster. *Dublin Branch.*—J. W. Moore, Dublin. *Dundee and District Branch.*—J. W. Miller, Dundee. *East Anglian Branch.*—M. Beverley, Norwich; W. A. Elliston, Ipswich. *East York and North Lincoln Branch.*—R. H. B. Nicholson, Hull. *Edinburgh Branch.*—R. W. Philip, Edinburgh; W. Russell, Edinburgh. *Gibraltar Branch.*—(No return.) *Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch.*—B. Goff, Bothwell. *Gloucestershire Branch.*—R. W. Batten, Gloucester. *Grahamstown and Eastern Province Branch.*—(No return.) *Griqualand West Branch.*—(No return.) *Halifax, Nova Scotia Branch.*—(No return.) *Hong Kong and China Branch.*—J. Cantlie, London. *Jamaica Branch.*—(No return.) *Lancashire and Cheshire Branch.*—J. Barr, Liverpool; G. B. Barron, Southport; E. H. Dickinson, Liverpool; C. E. Glascoth, Manchester; E. Rayner, Stockport; S. Woodcock, Manchester. *Leeward Islands Branch.*—(No return.) *London and North-West of Ireland Branch.*—E. Donaldson, Londonderry. *Malaya Branch.*—(No return.) *Malta and Mediterranean Branch.*—(No return.) *Manitoba and North-West of Canada Branch.*—(No return.) *Melbourne and Victoria Branch.*—(No return.) *Metropolitan Counties Branch.*—Andrew Clark, W. F. Cleveland, H. Radcliffe Crocker, F. H. Daly, George Eastes, J. W. J. Oswald, Isambard Owen, London. *Midland Branch.*—H. Handford, Nottingham; F. M. Pope, Leicester. *Montreal Branch.*—George E. Armstrong, Montreal. *Northern Counties of Scotland Branch.*—Ogilvie Grant, Inverness. *North of England Branch.*—David Drummond, Newcastle-on-Tyne; G. E. Williamson, Newcastle-on-Tyne. *North of Ireland Branch.*—John Campbell, Belfast; A. Dempsey, Belfast. *North Wales Branch.*—W. Jones Morris, Portmadoc. *Oxford and District Branch.*—Alfred Winkfield, Oxford. *Perthshire Branch.*—A. R. Urquhart, Perth. *Punjab Branch.*—(No return.) *Reading and Upper Thames Branch.*—J. B. Isaac, Berks. *Shropshire and Mid-Wales Branch.*—John Davies Harries, Shrewsbury. *South-Eastern Branch.*—J. H. Galton, Upper Norwood, S.E.; C. Parsons, Dover; T. J. Verrall, Brighton. *South-Eastern of Ireland Branch.*—J. Norton, Bagnalstown. *Southern Branch.*—H. J. Manning, Salisbury; Theophilus W. Trend, Southampton. *South Indian and Madras Branch.*—Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant Colonel E. F. Drake-Brockman, London. *South Midland Branch.*—J. H. Hemming, Kimbolton. *South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch.*—Evan Jones, Aberdare; A. Sheen, Cardiff. *South-Western Branch.*—Wm. Gordon, Exeter; John Rolston, Devonport. *Staffordshire Branch.*—T. Vincent Jackson, Wolverhampton. *Stirling, Kinross, and Clackmannan Branch.*—John Strachan, Dollar, N.B. *Sydney and New South Wales Branch.*—(No return.) *Trinidad and Tobago Branch.*—(No return.) *Thames Valley Branch.*—J. Langdon H. Down, London. *West Somerset Branch.*—W. L. Winterbotham, Bridgwater. *Worcestershire and Herefordshire Branch.*—G. W. Crowe, Worcester. *Yorkshire Branch.*—T. M. Dolan, Halifax; W. Dyson, Sheffield; T. R. Jessop, Leeds.

Resolved unanimously: That Dr. Robert Saundby be elected President of Council for the ensuing three years.

Dr. SAUNDY thereupon took the chair.

Resolved: That the cordial thanks of the Association be given to Dr. John Ward Cousins for the able way in which he has presided over the Council during the past three years, and for his great attention to the affairs of the Association.

The motion having been put from the chair, was carried with acclamation.

A deputation attended from Edinburgh, inviting the Association to hold its annual meeting in 1898, consisting of Dr. Argyll Robertson, Sir T. Grainger Stewart, M.D., Dr. Ritchie, and Dr. Philip, and suggesting Sir Thomas Grainger Stewart as the President-Elect.

A deputation attended from Montreal, inviting the Associa-

tion to hold its annual meeting in Montreal in 1897, consisting of Dr. G. E. Armstrong, Professor J. G. Adams, Dr. J. H. Cameron, Dr. Macallum, Dr. Healey, and Dr. Doolittle, and suggesting Professor Roddick as President-Elect.

A deputation was also received from Portsmouth, inviting the Association to hold its annual meeting in Portsmouth in 1897, consisting of Dr. Kealy, Dr. T. Frederick Pearse, and Mr. James Green, and suggesting Dr. Ward Cousins as President-Elect.

It was moved and seconded: That the invitation to Portsmouth be accepted.

Whereupon an amendment was moved and seconded: That it be recommended to the general meeting of to-day that the cordial invitation to Montreal be accepted, and that Professor Roddick be appointed President-Elect.

The amendment was put from the Chair, and was declared to be carried.

Resolved: That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Portsmouth deputation for attending the Council with an invitation to hold the next annual meeting at Portsmouth, and that the Council trusts that under the circumstances they will accord to the Association an invitation on a future occasion.

Resolved: That the thanks of the Council be given to the deputation from the Edinburgh Branch for their kindness in attending the Council this day, and intimating the intention of the Branch to invite the Association to hold the annual meeting in Edinburgh in the year 1898.

At a meeting of the Council held in the Grand Jury Room. Law Courts, Carlisle, on Thursday, July 30th, 1896.

Present:

Dr. ROBERT SAUNDBY, President of the Council, in the chair.

Dr. HENRY BARNES, President.

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| Dr. GEORGE E. ARMSTRONG, Montreal. | Mr. H. J. MANNING, Salisbury. |
| Dr. JAMES BARR, Liverpool. | Dr. J. W. MILLER, Dundee. |
| Dr. THOMAS BRIDGWATER, Harrow-on-the-Hill. | Mr. W. JONES MORRIS, Portmadoc. |
| Dr. JOHN CAMPBELL, Belfast. | Mr. R. H. B. NICHOLSON, Hull. |
| Mr. ANDREW CLARK, London. | Dr. J. W. OSWALD, London. |
| Dr. J. WARD COUSINS, Portsmouth. | Mr. C. H. WATTS PARKINSON, Wimborne Minster. |
| Dr. H. RADCLIFFE CROCKER, London. | Dr. R. W. PHILIP, Edinburgh. |
| Dr. JAMES CUMING, Belfast. | Dr. WILLIAM RUSSELL, Edinburgh. |
| Brig.-Surg.-Lieut.-Col. E. F. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, London. | Dr. R. SOMERVILLE, Galashiels. |
| Mr. GEORGE EASTES, M.B., London. | Dr. J. ROBERTS THOMSON, Bournemouth. |
| Dr. W. A. ELLISTON, Ipswich. | Dr. THEOPHILUS W. TREND, Southampton. |
| Dr. BRUCE GOFF, Bothwell. | Dr. A. R. URQUHART, Perth. |
| Mr. J. HUGHES HEMMING, Kimbolton. | Mr. T. JENNER VERRALL, Brighton. |
| Mr. T. VINCENT JACKSON, Wolverhampton. | Sir WILLOUGHBY WADE, M.D., Birmingham. |
| Mr. EVAN JONES, Aberdare. | Mr. C. G. WHEELHOUSE, Filey. |
| Mr. JORDAN LLOYD, Birmingham. | Mr. JOSEPH WHITE, London. |
| | Dr. S. WOODCOCK, Old Trafford. |

Read letter of apology for non-attendance from Dr. John Rolston.

Resolved: That the following resolution passed in the Psychological Section at the annual meeting at Carlisle be referred to the Parliamentary Bills Committee, namely:

That the Psychological Section recommends that the Council of the British Medical Association should consider the desirability of obtaining for England and Wales some provision for the temporary care of incipient and non-confirmed insanity similar to that which exists in the Scottish Lunacy Law.

Resolved: That the following resolution passed in the Public Medicine Section be referred to the Parliamentary Bills Committee, namely:

That in the opinion of the Public Medicine Section of the British Medical Association it is desirable that (for purposes of vaccination and revaccination) calf lymph should be universally available from the department of State.

The President announced that Dr. Armstrong of Montreal

was present for the first time, and welcomed him on behalf of the Council.

The appointment of the Journal and Finance Committee was then considered.

There appeared to be six vacancies, for which there were eleven nominations. A ballot was taken, and Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Vincent Jackson having been appointed scrutineers, the following were reported to have the greatest number of votes—namely: Dr. Ward Cousins, Mr. Eastes, Dr. Handford, Mr. Jordan Lloyd, Mr. Macnamara, and Dr. Russell.

Resolved: That the following be appointed the Journal and Finance Committee for the ensuing twelve months:

The President, the President-elect; Dr. Robert Saundby, President of Council; Dr. C. Parsons, Treasurer, *ex-officio*; Dr. James Barr, Dr. T. Bridgwater, Dr. Ward Cousins, Dr. H. R. Crocker, Mr. Geo. Eastes, Dr. W. A. Elliston, Sir Walter Foster, M.P., Dr. Handford, Dr. C. Holman, Mr. Vincent Jackson, Mr. Jordan Lloyd, Mr. Macnamara, Mr. Nicholson, Dr. Markham Skerritt, and Dr. Russell.

The amendment was then put as a substantive motion, and declared to be carried.

Resolved: That the following members be appointed the Parliamentary Bills Committee for the ensuing twelve months:

The President; the President-elect; Dr. Robert Saundby, President of Council; Dr. C. Parsons, Treasurer, *ex-officio*:—Mr. S. H. Agar, Dr. E. Atherstone, Mr. D. B. Balding, Dr. A. G. Bateman, Dr. R. W. Batten, Dr. T. Bridgwater, Mr. George Brown, Mr. H. T. Butlin, Dr. J. S. Cameron, Dr. R. B. Carey, Dr. W. A. Carline, Dr. W. F. Cleveland, Dr. G. W. Crowe, Dr. J. Ward Cousins, Dr. E. Donaldson, Dr. Douglas, Dr. J. Langdon Down, Mr. George Eastes, Dr. W. G. Ellis, Dr. R. Esler, Mr. E. H. Galton, Dr. Bruce Goff, Dr. W. Gordon, Dr. Ogilvie Grant, Mr. J. D. Harries, Dr. A. J. Harrison, Mr. Ernest Hart, Mr. E. Hassell, Mr. J. H. Hemming, Dr. Holman, Mr. Victor Horsley, Dr. W. H. Hughes, Mr. Evan Jones, Mr. T. C. Langdon, Dr. A. R. Manby, Dr. W. J. Mickle, Dr. C. H. Milburn, Dr. J. W. Miller, Dr. J. Wm. Moore, Mr. W. Jones Morris, Dr. James Murphy, Professor A. Ogston, Dr. I. Owen, Mr. C. H. W. Parkinson, Dr. H. H. Phillips-Conn, Dr. James Ritchie, Dr. G. E. Shuttleworth, Dr. R. Somerville, Mr. W. D. Spanton, Dr. J. Strachan, Mr. C. T. Street, Dr. James Stuart, Mr. James Taylor, Dr. G. D. P. Thomas, Surgeon-Major W. B. Thomson, Professor E. R. Townsend, Dr. A. E. Urquhart, Mr. T. J. Verrall, Mr. F. Wallace, Mr. A. Winkfield, Dr. W. L. Winterbotham, Dr. S. Woodcock, Mr. Gilbert Barling, Dr. J. Cantlie, Mr. A. Godson, M.B., Dr. C. E. Goodall, Dr. F. A. Neal, Dr. J. C. Thresh, Dr. T. M. Dolan, Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel E. F. Drake Brockman, Dr. J. B. Hackett, and Mr. A. B. Ritchie.

Resolved: That the following members be appointed the Scientific Grants Committee for the ensuing twelve months.

The President; the President-elect; Dr. Robert Saundby, President of Council; Dr. C. Parsons, Treasurer, *ex-officio*; Mr. Wm. Anderson, Dr. T. L. Brunton, Mr. Andrew Clark, Dr. J. Ward Cousins, Dr. H. R. Crocker, Dr. H. Handford, Dr. C. Holman, Mr. Victor Horsley, Sir Joseph Lister, Mr. N. C. Macnamara, Dr. W. Russell, Professor E. A. Schäfer, and Dr. G. Sims Woodhead.

Resolved: That the following members be appointed the Inebriates Legislation Committee for the ensuing twelve months:

The President; the President-elect; Dr. Robert Saundby, President of Council; Dr. C. Parsons, Treasurer, *ex-officio*; Mr. D. B. Balding, Mr. E. W. Branthwaite, Dr. T. Bridgwater, Sir C. Cameron, Dr. G. B. Clark, M.P., Dr. C. E. Drysdale, Mr. George Eastes, Dr. J. W. Eastwood, Dr. E. Farquharson, M.P., Sir Walter Foster, M.P., Professor W. T. Gairdner, Dr. W. C. Garman, Dr. J. Hill Gibson, Dr. Alexander Grant, Mr. F. J. Gray, Dr. C. J. Hare, Dr. A. A. Jamison, Mr. H. E. Kerr, Dr. Norman Kerr, Dr. A. E. T. Longhurst, Surgeon-Major G. K. Poole, Brigade-Surgeon R. Pringle, Fleet-Surgeon G. Robertson, Dr. James Stewart, Dr. G. D. P. Thomas, Dr. Wynn Westcott, and Dr. H. W. Williams.

Resolved: That the following gentlemen be appointed the Premises and Library Committee for the ensuing twelve months:

The President, the President-elect; Dr. Robert Saundby, President of Council; Dr. C. Parsons, Treasurer, *ex-officio*; Dr. T. Bridgwater, Mr. Andrew Clark, Dr. J. Ward Cousins, Dr. C. Holman, Mr. C. N. Macnamara, Mr. C. H. W. Parkinson, Dr. Pope, Dr. Rayner, and Mr. Ernest Hart, Hon. Librarian.

Resolved: That the following members be appointed the Trust Funds Committee for the ensuing twelve months:

The President, the President-elect; Dr. Robert Saundby, President of Council; Dr. C. Parsons, Treasurer, *ex-officio*; Dr. T. Bridgwater, Dr. J. Ward Cousins, Mr. C. N. Macnamara, and Mr. T. J. Verrall.

Resolved: That the following gentlemen be appointed the Therapeutic Committee for the ensuing twelve months:

Sir W. H. Broadbent, Dr. Mitchell Bruce, Dr. T. Lauder Brunton, Dr. A. H. Carter, Professor T. Cash, Dr. M. Charteris, Mr. George Eastes, Professor T. R. Fraser, Professor W. T. Gairdner, Dr. W. Hunter, Dr. D. J. Leech, Dr. James Little, Professor D. MacAlister, Dr. E. Mackey, Dr. Sidney H. C. Martin, Dr. M. McHugh, Dr. W. Murrell, Dr. C. Y. Pearson, Dr. C. D. F. Phillips, Dr. Sydney Ringer, Sir William Roberts, Dr. R. Stockman, Dr. N. I. C. Tirard, Dr. W. Hale White, and Dr. W. Whitla.

Resolved: That the reappointment of the Committee for Investigating the State of Children Unfit from Mental and Nervous Conditions for Ordinary School Teaching be referred to the October meeting, and that the Honorary Secretary of

that Committee, Dr. Warner, be informed that the question of reappointing that Committee has been postponed, and that no expenditure can be sanctioned in the meantime.

Resolved: That the following members be appointed the Medical Charities Committee:

The President, the President-elect, Dr. Robert Saundby, President of Council; Dr. C. Parsons, Treasurer, *ex-officio*; Dr. F. H. Alderson, Mr. J. Wickham Barnes, Dr. T. Bridgwater, Dr. J. B. Brierley, Mr. George Brown, Dr. G. W. Crowe, Dr. J. L. H. Down, Dr. Ogilvie Grant, Dr. Major Greenwood, Dr. F. de H. Hall, Mr. Ernest Hart, Dr. J. Brindley James, Dr. J. W. J. Oswald, Dr. J. R. Thompson, Mr. F. Wallace, Dr. Hugh Woods.

The appointment of the Reference Committee was then considered.

It was moved and seconded: That the Reference Committee be reappointed.

Whereupon it was moved and seconded as a rider, That the question of the appointment of members of the Reference Committee be referred to the Journal and Finance Committee, and that it has power to pay them for their services, and that Dr. Ward Cousins and Dr. Bridgwater be in the meantime requested to continue to act until the matter is settled.

This motion having been put with the rider the same was declared to be carried.

Resolved: That the following members be appointed the Anæsthetics Committee for the ensuing twelve months, and that any further grant be referred to the Journal and Finance Committee:

Professor T. Annandale, Dr. Joseph Bell, Mr. F. W. Braine, Professor G. Buchanan, Mr. H. T. Butlin, Dr. Dudley W. Buxton, Professor J. W. Byers, Professor M. Cameron, Professor John Chiene, Mr. John Croft, Professor E. Duncan, Mr. George Eastes, Dr. A. L. Galabin, Dr. Frederic W. Hewitt, Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson, Sir Joseph Lister, Professor William Macewen, Mr. Joseph Mills, Professor A. Ogston, Mr. G. Rowell, Dr. W. V. Snow, Mr. T. Pridgin Teale, Dr. David Wallace, and Dr. C. Childs.

Resolved: That the following members be appointed the Railway Servants' and Mariners' Eyesight Committee for the ensuing twelve months:

Mr. W. M. Beaumont, Mr. T. H. Bickerton, Mr. G. A. Critchett, Dr. C. E. Fitzgerald, Dr. J. B. Lawford, Dr. D. Little, Mr. C. N. Macnamara, Mr. Priestley Smith, and Dr. George Mackay.

Resolved: That the question of further grants to the Committees be referred to the October meeting of the Journal and Finance Committee.

Resolved: That the reappointment of the Branch Organisation Committee be deferred for the present.

Resolved: That the following gentlemen be appointed the General Practitioners and Ethical Committee:

Dr. Robert Saundby, President of Council; Dr. C. Parsons, Treasurer; Dr. James Barr, Dr. T. Bridgwater, Dr. Cleveland, Dr. J. Ward Cousins, Dr. J. H. Galton, Dr. Bruce Goff, Mr. J. H. Hemming, Mr. W. Jones Morris, Mr. R. H. B. Nicholson, Dr. Oswald, Mr. C. H. W. Parkinson, and Dr. F. M. Pope.

It was moved and seconded:

That the Medical Reform Committee be not reappointed.

Whereupon an amendment was moved and seconded:

That the Medical Reform Committee be reappointed as follows: Sir Walter Foster, M.D., M.P., Chairman; Dr. Henry Barnes, President; Dr. Robert Saundby, President of Council; Dr. C. Parsons, Treasurer; Dr. J. Barr, Dr. J. Ward Cousins, Dr. Elliston, Dr. Bruce Goff, Mr. Jones Morris, Mr. R. H. B. Nicholson, Dr. J. Roberts Thomson, and Dr. S. Woodcock.

The amendment having been put from the chair, the same was declared to be carried.

The appointment of the Arrangement Committee was then considered.

Resolved: That the following members be appointed the Arrangement Committee:

The President; Dr. Robert Saundby, President of Council; Dr. C. Parsons, Treasurer, *ex-officio*; Dr. Barr, Mr. Andrew Clark, and Mr. George Eastes, as English members; and as Canadian members: Professor Adami, Dr. Armstrong, Dr. Bell, Dr. Kirkpatrick, Dr. Roddick, and Dr. Springle.

NOTICE OF LAST QUARTERLY MEETING FOR 1896.

A MEETING of the Council will be held on October 21st, 1896. Candidates for election by the Council of the Association must send in their forms of application to the General Secretary not later than twenty-one days before that meeting—namely, October 1st, 1896.

Candidates seeking election by a Branch Council should apply to the Secretary of the Branch. No members can be elected by a Branch Council unless their names have been inserted in the circular summoning the meeting at which they seek election.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary.*

READING AND UPPER THAMES BRANCH.

The annual meeting of this Branch was held at Maidenhead on July 15th.

Election of Officers.—The officers for the coming year were elected as follows: *President*: Dr. D. Nicolson (Lord Chancellor's Commission in Lunacy). *President-elect*: Dr. C. W. Marriott, of Reading. *Council*: The President, the President-elect, the Honorary Secretary, Dr. W. J. Maurice, Mr. O. C. Maurice, Dr. Price, Mr. Armstrong, Dr. Tench, Mr. J. Swindale, Mr. Walters, Dr. Isaac, Dr. Guilding. *Representative of the Branch on the Council of the Association*: Dr. I. B. Isaac, of Broadmoor. *Honorary Secretary and also as Representative on the Parliamentary Bills Committee*: Dr. H. H. Phillips-Conn.

Resolution.—A resolution was carried:

That one-third of the Council shall retire annually, and not be eligible for re-election for one year.

Ethical Committee.—An Ethical Committee of the Branch was elected, namely, the President, the Honorary Secretary, Mr. O. C. Maurice, Mr. L. H. Walters, Dr. Shettle, Dr. Moore (Maidenhead), Dr. Bateman (Whitchurch, Oxon.), and Dr. Tench.

Annual Dinner.—The annual dinner was afterwards held at the Raymead Hotel, when those members who were present at the annual meeting dined together; and there were present as visitors Mr. W. Watson Cheyne, Dr. Cubitt, and Mr. H. E. Haymes.

NORTH OF IRELAND BRANCH.

The eighteenth annual meeting of this Branch was held at Ballymena on July 23rd, 1896. The PRESIDENT (Dr. Stuart) occupied the chair, and fifty members were present.

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

Annual Report.—On the motion of the HON. SECRETARY (Dr. John Campbell), seconded by Dr. LINDSAY, the Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Statement were adopted by the meeting.

Election of Officers.—The following were elected for 1896-97: *President*: William Whitla, M.D., Professor of Materia Medica in Queen's College, Belfast, and Physician to the Belfast Royal Hospital. *Vice-Presidents*: J. A. Lindsay, M.A., M.D., M.R.C.P. Lond.; and P. J. O'Hara, M.D., Ballymena. *Council for Belfast*: William Calwell, M.D.; Professor Cumming, M.D., F.R.C.P.; Professor Sinclair, M.D., F.R.C.S.; John M'Caw, M.D.; John Fagan, F.R.C.S.; Professor Byers, M.A., M.D.; Henry Bingham, M.D.; H. L. M'Kisack, M.D. *For Country*: J. M. Palmer, F.R.C.S., Armagh; J. C. Hall, M.B., Monaghan; E. C. Thompson, F.R.C.S., Omagh; George St. George, M.R.C.P., Lisburn; D. P. Gausson, M.D., Dunmurry; A. Dunlop, M.D., Holywood; James Stuart, M.D., Ballymena; and T. M. Tate, M.D., Downpatrick. *Treasurer*: George Gray, M.D., Adelaide Place, Newcastle, County Down. *Secretary*: John Campbell, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.S., 21, Great Victoria Street, Belfast. *Representatives of Branch on Council of Association*: John Campbell, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.S.; and J. A. Lindsay, M.A., M.D., M.R.C.P. *Representative on Parliamentary Bills Committee*: James Stuart, M.D., Ballymena.

Ethical Committee.—The Council were appointed to act as an Ethical Committee till some permanent arrangement could be made.

Journalistic Committee.—Dr. Stuart, Professor Whitla, and the Honorary Secretary (Dr. John Campbell) were elected as Journalistic Committee, to work in conjunction with the Transactions Committee of the Ulster Medical Society.

New Members.—The following new members were elected: J. Ross Thompson, M.B., Ballymoney; Arthur B. Francis, L.R.C.P. and S. Edin., Carrickfergus; J. K. Brownless, L.R.C.P. and S. Edin., Larne.

Medical Officers of Workhouses and Professional Assistance.—Dr. DARLING (Lurgan) explained that a recent rule of the Local Government Board seriously interfered with the power of the workhouse medical officers to obtain suitable assistance in difficult cases, and proposed the following resolution:

That the members of this Branch consider that the medical officer of a workhouse should be empowered to select his consultant; or, in case of operation, his assistants, and they request the Local Government Board to modify their order in such a manner as to ensure this; they consider

also, that the limitation of the number of assistants to one would render the performance of serious operations impossible.

This was seconded by Professor SINCLAIR, supported by Drs. SPEARING, DEMPSEY, MAC CORMAC, and STUART, and passed unanimously.

Communications.—Dr. WILSON (Whiteabbey) showed an improved form of Chestpiece for Stethoscopes.—Mr. FAGAN showed: (1) A Hackle Pin, removed by the aid of the Roentgen method from the knee, where it had been embedded for four years; and (2) a boy, on whom he had successfully operated for Webbed Fingers by his own method of operation, and a splint for use subsequent to operation. Dr. DEMPSEY and the PRESIDENT congratulated Mr. Fagan on his successes.—Dr. CECIL SHAW showed Skiagraphs of Mr. Fagan's first case. Dr. LINDSAY asked if information in regard to internal tumours was likely to be got by the new process, and Dr. SHAW replied that in such cases the Roentgen method was not yet of any practical use.—Dr. O'HARA (Ballymena) showed the following cases: (1) Myxœdema in a woman, aged 45, cured by thyroid tabloids continued for a year and a half; (2) a Cretin improving under the use of thyroid tabloids, which had been taken for seven weeks; (3) Paralysis in a young man of 20, probably Alcoholic Peripheral Neuritis, from inhalation of alcoholic fumes in a bonded store; (4) Lateral Curvature of the Spine in a man, aged 30; (5) a case of Diabetes.

Thyroid Treatment in Cretinism.—The PRESIDENT (for Dr. LOVE, Ahoghill) read notes of three cases of cretinism in the same family treated by thyroid tabloids.—Dr. DEMPSEY had had a patient suffering from both myxœdema and exophthalmic goitre, in whom the thyroid extract did good. He thought the coincidence of the two diseases in some cases explained the difference in the results recorded.—Dr. LINDSAY said the results of thyroid treatment were poor in psoriasis.—Dr. DARLING mentioned a case of acromegaly following thyroid treatment, and asked if there was any connection between the two conditions.—Professor WHITLA said that the thyroid treatment had failed in acromegaly, and thought that no connection existed.

Cystic Tumour in a Child.—Dr. JOHN CAMPBELL showed a cystic tumour, weighing about 3 lbs., successfully removed by abdominal section from an infant 7 months old. He also showed a photograph of the child before operation, and mentioned that the youngest recorded successful case was that of Roehmer, of Berlin, who in 1883 removed a cyst from a girl 20 months old.—Mr. FAGAN and Professor SINCLAIR complimented Dr. Campbell on his successful result at such a tender age.

Luncheon.—At the conclusion of the business Dr. James Stuart entertained the members to luncheon in the Town Hall, Ballymena.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE ELECTION OF DIRECT REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR,—During my visit to Carlisle I took some pains to ascertain the exact position of this question, and although I am well aware of the crowded state of your columns just now, I hope you will be able to afford me room to record the conclusions at which I arrived from a quite independent point of view:

1. It seems to be generally agreed that no fault is to be found with the manner in which our present representatives, Dr. Glover, Mr. Wheelhouse, and Sir Walter Foster, have discharged their duties on the General Medical Council during the last ten years; that, on the contrary, they each and all deserve our best thanks for their efficient services rendered under difficult circumstances.

2. On the other hand, it is said that our representatives have appeared to feel that they were not properly supported by the general body of the profession in their attempts to procure reforms at the General Medical Council, though what exact form it was expected such support should take—whether by general meetings of practitioners to express dissatisfaction with the Council's proceedings, or otherwise, I have not been able to ascertain—nor am I personally of opinion that any such demonstrations on the part of outsiders would have had the slightest effect.

3. It is said that to properly canvass their large constituency would cost the outgoing members between £300 and £400, and if not sure of enjoying the full confidence of the electors, men like Sir Walter Foster and Mr. Wheelhouse might well ask to be excused from again facing the trouble and expense of a contested election.

4. A reference to the candidates who have proposed themselves as successors to the present members, and to the manifestoes which they have issued, shows that there is a real danger that if Mr. Wheelhouse and Sir Walter Foster, of whom we have been justly proud as our direct representatives, retire at the present juncture, they may be succeeded by some who, if they should succeed in getting on the General Medical Council, will only make themselves and the cause of direct representation ridiculous.

5. It would be, I think, a great relief to the minds of many amongst us if the re-election of Sir Walter Foster and Mr. Wheelhouse, with, of course, Dr. Glover, could be rendered practically secure without trouble or expense to them; and I am very much mistaken in them both if such a striking proof of confidence on the part of the profession would not be sufficient at once to atone for any supposed lukewarmness on former occasions, and to overcome any reluctance on their part to serve again.

6. I therefore propose that a committee be formed to secure the re-election of our three valued representatives, and that subscriptions, limited to five shillings each, be solicited as soon as the committee has been formed and officers appointed, and I shall be happy to receive the names of those willing to serve on such committee.—I am, etc.,

Dulwich Grove, S.E., Aug. 10th.

H. NELSON HARDY.

SIR,—I wish to bring before medical practitioners a very grave ruling of the General Medical Council, whereby a number of practitioners who should be entitled to vote are now disfranchised.

In July last I wrote to the Registrar of the General Medical Council, asking if practitioners resident in the Isle of Man were entitled to vote at the coming election of direct representatives; and on July 27th I was surprised to hear from the Registrar that such practitioners had no vote whatsoever.

I next wrote to the Registrar to inquire whether practitioners resident in the Channel Islands, Isle of Wight, Scottish Isles, etc., had a right to vote; when the Registrar referred me to Sections VII and XXVII of the Medical Act, 1886. If reference be made to Section VII, it will be found it is enacted that three direct representatives shall be elected by registered practitioners resident in "England," one by those in "Scotland," and one by those resident in "Ireland." And if reference be made to Section XXVII (which is the defining section), it will be found that the "expression part of the United Kingdom" means, according to circumstances, "England," "Scotland," or "Ireland."

Now it will be seen by the words of these sections that, strictly speaking, all practitioners resident outside of "England," "Scotland," and "Ireland" can be disfranchised. It, however, is a puzzle to me to find that practitioners resident in the Isle of Man are disfranchised by the action of the General Medical Council—this body of dry bones—while practitioners resident in Wales are not disfranchised, especially as the word "Wales" is not mentioned in the Act. I regret the Registrar of the Council has refused to tell me if practitioners resident in the Isle of Wight and other contiguous islands are disfranchised; but this act of the Registrar to me is only upon a par with that discourtesy which I have received from the General Medical Council since I began to take a practical interest in medico-political questions.

I ask that the Council of the British Medical Association and the Councils of the various Medico-Ethical Societies and practitioners in the Isle of Man, etc., at once take this question up, and that they petition the Privy Council to instruct the General Medical Council not to disfranchise registered practitioners, but to send voting papers to all resident in the Isle of Man and other neighbouring islands.

I hope this question of disfranchisement will receive proper attention when the amending of the Medical Acts is taken in hand. The loose construction of many sections of the Medi-