

Medical News.

DR. CHARLES W. THORP, of Todmorden, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the West Riding of Yorkshire.

THE Chelsea Hospital for Women has received from the trustees of the Zunz Bequest £500 for the maintenance of the Annie Zunz Ward.

WE regret to record the death, on April 4th, of Dr. H. Lewis Jones, consulting medical officer to the Electrical Department, St. Bartholomew's Hospital. His only child, a cadet in the Royal Navy, was serving in one of the cruisers sunk in the North Sea last autumn.

THE next meeting of the Society of Medical Officers of Health will be held on Friday, April 16th, at 5 p.m., at 1, Upper Montague Street, Russell Square, when Dr. William Robertson, M.O.H. Leith, will read a paper on the personal equation in the vital statistics of a community.

THE annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Inebriety will be held in the rooms of the Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., on Tuesday, April 13th, 1915, at 4 p.m., when Dr. H. Crichton Miller will open a discussion on "Dual Personality and Intemperance."

AMONG the medical men wounded in France is Dr. Auguste Marie, physician-in-chief to the Asylum of Villejuif, and director of the psychiatric laboratory of the Ecole des Hautes Etudes, Paris. He was struck on the head by a projectile while dressing a wounded man in a trench.

DR. GORGAS has been appointed to the rank of Major-General in the United States Army. This, according to the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, is the first time this rank has been given to a doctor. The promotion carries with it the thanks of Congress and a life appointment as surgeon-general.

To the list of French medical journals which have come to life again after a longer or shorter period of temporary suspension owing to the war, we are pleased to add the following: *Archives d'Electricité Médicale*, which began to appear again in February, and the *Gazette hebdomadaire des Sciences Médicales de Bordeaux*, of which we have this week received the issue for April 4th.

A THREE months' course of lectures and demonstrations in hospital administration will be given at the North-Western Hospital by Dr. J. MacCombie, medical superintendent; and at the Grove Hospital, Tooting Grove, by Dr. J. E. Beggs, medical superintendent, on Mondays and Thursdays, at 5 p.m., beginning on April 12th. The fee for the course is £3 3s., and should be paid to the Clerk of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, Embankment, E.C.

THE North Staffordshire Field Club celebrated its jubilee this year, and to mark the occasion elected Mr. W. D. Spanton, F.R.C.S., an original member, to be its president. Mr. Spanton, in acknowledging the honour, said that it must be a very unusual occurrence for an original member of a club to become its president in its jubilee year. Mr. Spanton, who was very warmly applauded on taking the chair, afterwards gave an address on Staffordshire mammals.

THE efforts that have been made in past years to bring hospital authorities into line for consultative purposes have not met with marked success. Comparison of results has been greatly assisted by the statistical tables published every year under the aegis of the King's Fund, but these tables have revealed a very marked variation as between one system of administration and another. The administrators of the Fund have as yet afforded no means by which such variation might be equalized. The need for consultation and co-operation between the medical charities has become more apparent than ever during the last few years, and a means appears to have been found in the British Hospitals Association, if we may judge from the very representative character of its list of members. Matters of interest common to all hospitals have been discussed at its meetings, and annual gatherings have been held, at which full opportunity has been given for private discussion and friendly criticism of failures and successes. An association, the prominent members of which are engaged in actual hospital administration, not only in London, but in most of the large towns and county centres, may justly claim to be representative of all the best work in the country, and as such entitled to be heard in all legislative matters relating to their special sphere of action.

Letters, Notes, and Answers.

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QUERIES.

AN Irish doctor would feel grateful to any of his brethren who have experience of two-seater light or cycle cars, and will state their opinion as to which make they consider the most serviceable and lasting for rough country roads.

LETTERS, NOTES, ETC.

A WARNING.

MESSRS. AYRTON, SAUNDERS, AND CO., wholesale druggists and druggists' sundriesmen, Liverpool, state that within the last month two medical men in London have been visited by a man, stating that he had been engaged by the firm to fill a vacancy, but was without means to pay his railway fare. Any medical man receiving an application of this kind would be well advised to communicate with Messrs. Ayrton, Saunders, and Co., 34, Hanover Street, Liverpool. (Telephone: Royal 2070.)

THERAPEUTIC USES OF TURPENTINE.

H. L. D. writes: With reference to Dr. Foy's remarks on turpentine in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of March 27th, I have seen good results in a case of sloughing sore of the penis. The local application of this drug quickly cleared off the sloughs and established healthy action. I would like to try it in other cases of gangrene.

ALLENBURYS PASTILLES.

MR. F. W. GAMBLE (Director, Allen and Hanburys, Ltd.) writes: Our attention has been drawn to an article in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, April 3rd, reprinted from the *Weekly Bulletin* of the Department of Health for the City of New York. The inclusion of "Allenburys Pastilles" in the list of medicines quoted appears to be founded on misapprehension. There are eighty varieties of medicated "Allenburys pastilles," some of which contain cocaine whilst others do not. In no case has the published formula been altered, and in every instance when cocaine is present in the pastille the box bears such an indication. As the "Allenburys pastilles" are largely prescribed by medical men to whom the various formulæ are well known, we shall be obliged if you will allow us to remove any misapprehension that may have arisen from a perusal of the article referred to.

A CORRECTION.

IN an answer to a correspondent which appeared in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of March 27th, p. 580, under the heading "French Military Surgery," the periodical referred to as the *Bulletins et mémoires de la Société de Paris* should have been *Bulletins et mémoires de la Société de Chirurgie de Paris*.

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