

Chloride of zinc was had recourse to, and the tumour came away, but after cicatrization had commenced the tumour reappeared. The application was continued for a year with similar results, repeated hemorrhages took place and the glands in the groin were permanently enlarged. Potassa fusa was applied on three different occasions, but the chloride of zinc was decidedly more efficacious. On September 19th, a year after the first application, chloride of zinc was tried for the twentieth time, and the tumour to the extent of three inches was destroyed; a part of the os calcis exfoliated. Two years have now elapsed, and there had been no tendency to reproduction. Dr. GILLESPIE considered the case interesting, as it was just such a one which was occasionally vaunted by some quack as a victory gained over modern surgery, and this one certainly explained their so-called cures, and at the same time was fraught with caution to the surgeon not to lose an opportunity of giving similar cases a trial with the caustic before dooming them irrevocably to the knife.

Professor MILLER referred to cases of soft cancer of the breast where a cure was sometimes obtained by the diseased product sloughing *en masse*. He could corroborate the statement of Dr. Gillespie with reference to the efficiency of the chloride of zinc; as a caustic it was thorough, and easily kept under command.

[ERRATUM. In the last Report, see ASSOCIATION JOURNAL, November 24th, at page 1066, for Dr. W. T. Gairdner read Dr. Gairdner, senior.]

## ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

### BRANCH MEETINGS DURING THE NEXT THREE MONTHS ALREADY ANNOUNCED.

NAME OF BRANCH.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DATE.
METROP. COUNTIES. [Ordinary stated Meeting.]	37, Soho Sq., London.	Tues. Feb. 13 4 P.M.

Branch Secretaries are requested to give intimation to the Editor of the meetings of their Branches, so that notice may be given in this place.

### MEDICAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

The Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund has received from Dr. Radford, of Manchester, a donation of £25, being the balance of the fund raised there for carrying out arrangements for the recent meeting of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association in Manchester. Dr. Radford was Treasurer of this local fund.

### MIDLAND BRANCH:—QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Midland Branch of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association was held at the Guildhall, Lincoln, on Thursday, December 7th. Twelve members were present: JAMES SNOW, Esq., President, in the chair; E. F. Broadbent, Esq. (Lincoln); R. Cammack, Esq. (Lincoln); W. J. Lomax, Esq. (Lincoln); T. Macaulay, Esq. (Leicester); G. Mitchinson, Esq. (Lincoln); E. Morris, M.D. (Spalding); T. Paget, Esq. (Leicester); T. Sympton, Esq. (Lincoln); J. C. Torry, M.D. (Lincoln); F. D. Walsh, Esq. (Lincoln); J. C. Williams, M.D. (Nottingham).

#### EXCISION OF THE ELBOW-JOINT. BY G. MITCHINSON, ESQ.

Mr. MITCHINSON, House-Surgeon to the Lincoln County Hospital, read a report of a case of excision of the elbow-joint by Mr. Hadwen. The patient is now following his employment—driving an engine on the railway; and states that he perceives but little difference between the two arms. The cause of the operation was a compound fracture into the joint.

Mr. PAGET regarded the case as one rather of excision of the olecranon than of the elbow-joint.

Mr. MACAULAY thought it a valuable contribution to conservative surgery. He mentioned two cases of amputation through the carpal bones, which did well—an operation not usually recommended.

The PRESIDENT, fifteen or sixteen years ago, had a successful case of excision of the elbow—the first, he believed, performed in this part of the country: it was, however, for caries.

#### TREATMENT OF MANIA. BY F. D. WALSH, ESQ.

[This paper will be published in the JOURNAL.]

Dr. WILLIAMS's opinion accorded with the principles enumerated in the paper. He laid particular stress on mania being essentially a disease of debility, more particularly the puerperal form of it; and hence regarded the exhibition of all lowering remedies as positively hurtful.

Mr. MACAULAY, Mr. PAGET, and the PRESIDENT, made similar remarks.

Dr. WILLIAMS had noticed what seemed extraordinary, that, in the asylum to which he had for many years been physician, the number of agricultural labourers admitted was greater than that of mechanics. He would suggest that it might possibly be accounted for by their possessing a lower degree of intellect, owing to their brains being less exercised.

#### DR. J. C. WILLIAMS AND THE JOURNAL.

After a discussion on Dr. Williams's motion respecting the present position of the JOURNAL, it was resolved unanimously that the following letter, read by Dr. Williams, stand as part of the proceedings of the Branch:—

*"From Dr. Williams, of Nottingham, to the Editor of the Association Journal.*

"SIR,—I am a very old member of our noble Association; I take a great deal of interest in its proceedings; and I write this letter in answer to your question, '*Can the plan and manner of the Journal be improved?*' and to your queries. I have read carefully those queries; I have considered the proposed subscription for a Journal Fund, and also the proposal of Sir John Forbes for an additional subscription to enable us to carry out the original purposes of our Association, now so much of our annual guinea is absorbed in the expenses of the Journal. I regret to differ so widely from so many members of the Association present at Manchester; but, as I quite decline assisting to degenerate our Association into a *Joint-Stock Journal Company*, I respectfully decline to answer your queries.

"The objections I have to Sir John Forbes's proposition for an additional subscription are twofold: first, that, if it be pressed, a very great number of our fellow-members would resign, on the score of the expense; and secondly, that the proposal is only another way of maintaining the 'commercial firm of a Journal club,' (Sir J. Forbes's words), and requiring additional money for the original and existing purposes of the Association, so well expressed in the preceding paragraphs of his letter. I find in our twenty-fourth law the following:—'If any member's subscription remain unpaid twelve months after it shall have become due, the Medical Journal, and other publications of the Society, shall be withheld; etc. Now, I do not think it would be fair to receive my copy of the Journal for the next year, and withhold my subscription, that I might not receive it *afterwards*, therefore I propose to request of you *not to send me a copy of the Journal next year*: and now, knowing before the year commences, you will not have to provide for the expense of my copy. I also beg to ask Sir Charles Hastings, our Treasurer, through the medium of this letter, that this answer may be as public in the Journal as this letter, how much of my guinea subscription, by the present arrangement, goes to the maintenance of the Journal? I ask this question for the information of others as well as myself, that I may send to him, the Treasurer, the remaining portion of my subscription for the other objects of the Association. I beg to submit this proposal to my fellow-members, and say that I wish to carry it into effect the next year; and to request you will oblige me by inserting this letter in our next Journal.

"I have the honour to remain your obedient servant,  
"JOHN CALTHROP WILLIAMS."

After a vote of thanks to the President and Local Secretary had been proposed and carried unanimously, the meeting separated.

[The motion of Dr. J. C. Williams, referred to in the above report as having been discussed, we have not received. The letter of that gentleman is that which we noticed last week, as having declined to publish in the Letter Box: and we beg particularly to call the attention of the members of the Association to the circumstance of its appearing now, not on the Editor's responsibility, but on the responsibility of the members of the Midland Branch who met last week at Lincoln. The report of the meeting is published as we received it from the Secretary. It is very obvious that the only practical result of printing such letters as that of Dr. J. C. Williams is to choke the Journal with unprofitable and uninteresting matter. There is nothing which the enemies of the Journal, both within and without the Association, are at present so bent upon accomplishing, as its perversion to insatiable and internecine controversy. We trust, there-