

DENNING, C. E., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Irel., appointed Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Epping District of Essex.

DICKSON, W., M.D. Edin., appointed District and Workhouse Medical Officer of the Hungerford and Hambury Union.

GLENFY, Edmund, L.R.C.P.I., L.R.C.S.I., appointed Senior House-Surgeon to Jervis Street Hospital, Dublin.

GRAVES, E. B., M.B., B.S. Durh., appointed District Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator of the Eccleehall Union.

HARMAN, N. Bishop, M.A., M.B. Cantab., F.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Demonstrator of Pathology in the Middlesex Hospital Medical School, vice C. H. Reissmann, M.A., M.D. Cantab., M.R.C.P. Lond., resigned.

HICKS, Charles, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Edin., appointed Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Horshamend District of Kent.

JOWAS, Herbert Charlton, M.B., B.S. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P., appointed Honorary Medical Officer to the Barnstable and North Devon Infirmary, vice Dr. Mark Jackson, resigned.

LITTLE, Andrew, M.B., C.M. Aberd., appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Eye and Ear Hospital, Bradford, vice James Kerr, M.D. Camb., resigned.

RUSSELL, Matthew J., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Irel., appointed Medical Officer for the New Kilmainham Ward Dispensary District of the South Dublin Union.

RYAN, John P., L.R.C.P.I., L.R.C.S.I., appointed Junior House-Surgeon to Jervis Street Hospital, Dublin, vice Edmund Glenny, L.R.C.P.I., L.R.C.S.I., promoted.

SCHOLEFIELD, H., M.B., appointed Assistant Medical Superintendent of the Paddington Infirmary.

SHAW, Cecil Edward, M.D. M.Ch. R.U.I., Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Ulster Hospital for Children, and Assistant Surgeon to the Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital, Belfast, appointed Consulting Ophthalmic Surgeon to the County Antrim Infirmary, Lisburn.

STEVENSON, Howard, M.B., B.S. R.U.I., appointed House-Surgeon to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast.

STOTT, W. H., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Edin., appointed Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Cañon District of Leicestershire.

VATUGHAN, Kathleen Olga, M.B. Lond., appointed to the Quarantine Office at Suez by the Sanitary Maritime and Quarantine Council of Egypt, in place of Miss Sheldon Amos, M.B. Lond., transferred to Alexandria.

DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

TUESDAY.

Pathological Society of London, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8.30 p.m.—Annual general meeting; election of officers and Council. The following papers will be read: Dr. Hunter: (Lantern demonstration) Infective Lesions of the Tongue, Stomach, and Intestines in Addison's Anæmia. Dr. Rolleston: Membranous Cholangitis. Mr. A. Lucas: Unusual Variety of Knee-joint in Haemophilia and Congenital Atresia of the Small Intestine. Dr. J. Smith: Misemulated Carcinoma simulating Tubercle. Dr. Fennell: Sarcoma of the Suprarenal Body.

University of London Physiological Laboratories, South Kensington, 5 p.m.—Dr. Waller: The Signs of Life.

WEDNESDAY.

Royal Microscopical Society, 20, Hanover Square, W., 7.30 p.m.

University of London Physiological Laboratories, South Kensington, 5 p.m.—Dr. Leonard Hill: The Physiology of Respiration.

THURSDAY.

Neurological Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, 8.30 p.m. (patients at the rooms at 8 p.m.)—Clinical evening. Cases will be shown by Mr. Richardson Cross, Dr. Parkes Weber, Dr. Farquhar Buzzard, Dr. Colman, and others.

Harveian Society of London, Stafford Rooms, Titchborne Street, Edgware Road, W., 8.30 p.m.—Cases will be shown by Mr. Watson Cheyne, Dr. A. Whitfield, Dr. A. Morison, Mr. F. Jaffrey, and others.

FRIDAY.

Clinical Society of London, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8.30 p.m.—Annual general meeting; election of officers for session 1902-1903. The following papers will be read: Sir Thomas Barlow and Dr. H. Batty Shaw: Inheritance of Recurrent Attacks of Jaundice and of Abdominal Crises with Hepato-spleno-megaly. (Two cases will be shown). Dr. W. H. White and Mr. C. H. Golding-Bird: On the Subsequent History of Three Cases of Colitis in whom Right Lumbar Colotomy was performed several years ago.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

Charing Cross Hospital, Thursday, 4 p.m.—Medical Cases.

Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Brompton, Wednesday, 4 p.m.—Lecture on Difficulties in the Recognition of Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—Thursday, 4 p.m.—Demonstration of Selected Cases.

Medical Graduates' College and Polyclinic, 22, Chandos Street, W.C.—Demonstrations will be given at 4 p.m. as follows:—Tuesday, medical; Wednesday, surgical; Thursday, surgical; Friday, ear.

National Hospital for the Paralyzed and Epileptic, Queen Square, W.C. Tuesday, 8.30 p.m. Lecture on Cerebral Abscess.

West London Hospital, Hammersmith Road, W.—Lectures will be delivered at 5 p.m. as follows:—Tuesday: Heart Murmurs, their Significance and Treatment. Wednesday: Surgical Anatomy. Thursday: Treatment of Injuries. Friday: Cases of Diseases of the Skin.

Westminster Hospital, S.W., Tuesday, 4.30 p.m.—Demonstration on Some Surgical Cases.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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BIRTHS.

DEAS—On May 11th, at Thorndale, Merton, Surrey, the wife of F. Deas, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of a daughter.

MEAKIN—On March 25th, at Cambridge, the wife of Captain Harold Meakin, M.D. Lond., Indian Medical Service, 2nd Bengal Lancers, of a son.

PRICE—On May 5th, at Victoria Street, West Bromwich, the wife of T. H. Price, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., of a daughter.

RUTHERFORD—On May 13th, at 12, Newton Place, Glasgow, the wife of Henry Rutherford, M.B., of a son.

DEATHS.

ARCHEE—On April 13th, at Rapallo, Italy, in his 68th year, Surgeon-Colonel Samuel Archer, retired pay.

FREELAND—On April 15th, 1902, at Parham, Antigua, West Indies, Freeland John Freeland, M.D., L.R.C.S. Eng., F.R.S.A. Lond., elder son of J. B. Freeland, M.R.C.S. Eng., and brother of Douglas L. Freeland, L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., of Snodland, Kent, aged 40 years.

PEARSE—On May 5th, at Brooklands, Dawlish, Reginald Thomas Pearse, late of Cardiff, in his 69th year.

LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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CORRESPONDENTS not answered are requested to look at the Notices to Correspondents of the following week.

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QUERIES.

H. writes: In the event of a large bottle of prussic acid being broken, say in any crowded room or place, would the persons in the room or place, or in its vicinity, be likely to expire instantaneously from inhaling the fumes?

** The persons would not instantaneously expire, but after the lapse of a very few minutes they would probably become unconscious, and in the absence of ventilation or of artificial respiration in fresh air deaths might possibly occur.

HORSE HIRE AND HORSE KEEP.

BROUGHAM asks for answers from experience as to: (1) The comparative cost of "hiring" by contract *versus* keeping a horse of one's own; (2) of what would be a fair average cost per week of hiring a horse, trap, and harness, the medical man keeping the horse and feeding him in his own stable.

GENITAL NEUROSI.

CESTRIAN would be glad of advice as to treatment of the following case: A previously robust man, aged 38, married, has suffered for the past twelve months from severe pain in the penis and spasmodic retractions of that organ; also from pain and a variety of "nervous" sensations in the testicles and perineum. There is great mental depression. Tonics, opium, bromides, and the continuous current have all been tried. Has any member had experience of the use of a seton in such cases?

INCOME TAX.

M.D. writes: I understand that in making my return for income tax I may deduct one-third of the amount of my house rent and taxes, if such a portion of my house is used for professional purposes. I pay as regards taxes, poor-rate, improvement rate, inhabited house duty, water-rate, and gas. Can I claim an abatement in respect of each of these, or if not on which?

** As much as two-thirds may be deducted if the Commissioners will allow it. The allowances to medical men are enumerated in *Income Tax: How to get it Refunded*, p. 35. A set of professional balance sheets can be got from the Income Tax Repayment Agency, 6, Chichester Road, W.

ANSWERS.

WE would request correspondents who desire to ask questions in this column not to make use of such signatures as "A Member," "A Member B.M.A.," "Enquirer," and so on. By attention to this request much confusion would be avoided.

TYPHOID FEVER.

T. M. W.—In reply to our correspondent's further questions it may be said: (1) That there is no sufficient evidence of the need for exclusion from school of a child coming from a house in which a case of enteric fever exists under ordinary conditions. The regulations of the London School Board provide, however, for such exclusion in their instructions to teachers. (2) That there is not any recognized risk of conveyance of typhoid fever by healthy persons. Infected clothing is of course known to convey the disease.

THE NASAL DOUCHE AS A PROPHYLACTIC.

AN OLD R.M.O. writes, in answer to the inquiry in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of May 10th, p. 1192, as to the routine use of the nasal douche in convalescence from scarlet fever: At one of the fever hospitals in Liverpool it was carried out for many months during my residence there under the guidance and with the sanction of the visiting physician. Our original idea was to use it as a prophylactic measure against otitis media, and in the hope that it might still further reduce the number of "return" cases. I cannot say that it seemed to reduce the number of otitis cases very materially, but it certainly did not increase them. The objections to its use seem to apply principally to the stage of acute rhinitis.

LETTERS, NOTES, Etc.

A WARNING.

DR. WILLIAM COLLIER (Oxford) desires to warn members of the British Medical Association against a man who is using his name as an introduction to medical men and states that Dr. Collier has recommended him.

MEDICAL GOLF TOURNAMENT.

THE fifth annual tournament will be held on May 20th at Northwood (by kind permission of the Northwood Golf Club). The regulations are as in last year's tournament—namely, 18 holes match play v. Bogey, competitors being divided into the usual two handicap classes—12 and under, and over 12. Members of Northwood deduct two from their handicap. There will be first and second prizes and a prize for the best last 9 holes v. Bogey in each class. Foursome sweepstakes v. Bogey will be played during the afternoon. No match may be started later than 3.15 p.m., and no previous play will be allowed on the day. Entries, stating lowest handicap and enclosing 5s. entry fee, should be made before May 26th to the Honorary Secretary, Rolf Creasy, Windlesham, Surrey.

CRANKS AND CANCER.

DR. HERBERT SNOW (London) writes: It is remarkable how many cranks, and even lunatics, turn instinctively to "cancer," as a sort of imaginative happy hunting-ground. To catalogue all the fantastic ideas, from the tomato to snails, or its supposed mysteries of causation, would need a large volume. A gentleman connected with the press has just kindly sent me three new ones which have come under his notice. The first appears so deliciously original, that I forward a copy of the letter in its entirety.

1. Dear Sir,—From facts within my own knowledge, I have for some time thought the origin of cancer connected with either the illicit or accidental entry of semen into the circulation. I think you would be doing a service to humanity if you could direct the trend of scientific investigation in this direction. If I am right, the wide publicity of the advice given in Bradlaugh's *Fruits of Philosophy* may account for the increase of the disease. Yours, etc., X.
2. Jenner's original fount of vaccine was taken from the "cancerous hoof of a horse."
3. The seeds of cancer are distributed by means of cheap cigarettes.

ABSENCE OF THUMBS.

MR. ALAN MURDOCK, M.R.C.S. (Hythe, Kent), writes: I recently confined a woman of a female child with very bad talipes varus in both feet, and a total absence of both thumbs, including the metacarpal bones. The rest of the hands and fingers are well formed, and in all other ways the child is normal, and appears quite healthy, though very small. It has struck me that the latter deformity must be very rare, and I should be glad to know if it has been observed before. The infant was full-term. There is no history of any deformity in any of the family of either its mother or father, nor of any fright, shock, or untoward incident to the mother while carrying it.

ADRENALIN—THE ACTIVE PRINCIPLE OF THE SUPRARENAL GLAND.

DR. GEORGE FERDINANDS (Aberdeen) writes: Since the publication of my Notes on Adrenalin Chloride Solution in Ophthalmic Practice, (BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, March 22nd, 1902) I have had from Messrs. Parke, Davis and Co., a sample of adrenalin itself. Dr. Takamine has described this as "a light white micro-crystalline body, showing itself in five or more different forms. It has a slightly bitter taste and is sparingly soluble in water, but perfectly stable in the dry form." (*Scottish Medical and Surgical Journal*, February, 1902.) The specimen sent me has, however, a greyish tint possibly due to slight oxidation. The preparation of solutions of adrenalin is attended with some difficulty, and for this reason adrenalin chloride solution (1-1000) is recommended as being the most convenient form for practical use. I desire to make this amendment as some may wish to use a stronger solution of the "alkaloid" itself in other branches of surgery and because I was under the impression that the salt was not to be had commercially.

ATRESIA VAGINAE.

DR. HERBERT J. WALKER (Uruguay) writes: A. G. came to consult me on account of not being able to have any family. She had been married fourteen years, and told me she experienced considerable pain on coitus. The family history was excellent and the patient was a well-nourished, robust woman. On making an examination, I discovered that although the hymen had been ruptured there still remained some nodular growths about the size of a large pea, which were extremely sensitive. They apparently corresponded with the former attachment of the membrane. The vagina was so constricted that it with difficulty admitted the index finger. The uterus and appendages were normal. With the patient's consent I thoroughly removed all the nodular sensitive growths, and gradually began the dilatation of the vagina by graduated bougies. So great was the resulting dilatation of the parts that I was finally able to introduce two fingers into the vaginal canal. About twelve months after this course of treatment I was called to deliver the same patient of a fine female child, and although a high forceps application was necessary, with subsequent abstraction of the placenta, she made an uninterrupted recovery.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS OF WALES.

W. writes: The question of cheap and efficient education affects many of your readers, and a word about the above may be useful to them. There are over ninety of them in Wales and Monmouthshire; some are for boys, others for girls, and others dual. They prepare for the universities, professions, and for the Central Welsh Board certificates, the senior of which exempts from the Welsh matriculation, and is recognized by the General Medical Council. The fees amount to about £5 a year in all the schools, and a number of scholarships are attached to all. Town, Merionethshire, may be taken as an example. This is a dual school. Pupils are prepared for the London and Welsh matriculations chiefly. They have here the finest chemical laboratory in Wales. Per-

haps the headmaster takes boys as boarders. Girls would be well taken care of also. The writer is not connected in any way with this or any other school, but he would strongly urge upon parents the superiority and cheapness of these schools, and special advantages in the nature of scholarships.

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- Questions and Answers for Dental Students. By Ferdinand J. S. Gorkas, A.M., M.D., D.O.S. London: Rebman, Limited. 1902. 25s.
- La Pella, Dpl. Dott. G. Antonini. Milan: Urieo Hoepli. 1902. L.2.
- A System of Physiologic Therapeutics. Edited by Solomon Solis Cohen, A.M., M.D., Vol. VI. Dietotherapy and Food in Health. By Nathan A. Davis, Jun., A.M., M.D. London: Rebman, Limited. 1901. 12s. 6d.
- Il Medico Pratico. Del Dott. Carlo Miotto. Terza Edizione. Milan: Urieo Hoepli. 1902. L.5.
- Clinical Hematology. By John C. Da Costa, Jun., M.D. London: Rebman, Limited. 1902. 22s. 6d.
- Weiterer Nachweis über die Unschädlichkeit und heilende Wirkung des Chromwassers gegen Syphilis. Von Dr. J. Edmund Güntz. Leipzig: E. Haberland. 1902. Pf 60.
- General Index to Transactions of Pathological Society of London for Vols. XXXVIII to L., 1887-99. London: Smith, Elder and Co. 1901.
- Handbuch der pathogenen Mikroorganismen. Von Professor W. Kolle und Professor Dr. A. Wassermann. Text and Atlas. Jena: Gustav Fischer. 1902. M.6.
- Recherches Bactériologiques sur les Gangrènes Gazeuses Aiguës. Par le Dr. G. Léros, Paris: C. Naucl. 1902.
- Die Krankheiten des Ohres. Von Dr. Arthur Hartmann. Berlin: H. Köhnefeld. 1902. 7.50.
- Report über die vom Komitee für Krebsforschung am 15. Oktober, 1900. Erhobene Sammelforschungen Herausgegeben von dem Vorstand, Professor Dr. E. v. Leyden, Professor Dr. K. v. Brunn, Dr. Wutzdorf, Professor Dr. v. Hansemann, Professor Dr. George Meyer. I. Ergänzungsband vom Klinischen Jahrbuch. Jena: Gustav Fischer. 1902. M.10.
- Elementary Textbook of Zoology. By Arthur T. Masterson, M.A. Second Edition. Edinburgh: E. and S. Livingstone. 1902. 12s.
- Die Krankheiten des Ohres. Von Dr. Arthur Hartmann. Berlin: H. Köhnefeld. 1902. 7.50.
- Dr. Thorne. By H. Rider Haggard. London: George Newnes, Limited. 1902. 6s.
- The latest Sir Frederick McCoy, K.C., M.G., F.R.S., D.Sc., and His System of Physical Economy. By Anne Conn. London: John Bale, Sons, and Danielsson, Limited. 1902.

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