

that for professional worth and for personal charm he was one of the greatest of the surgeons of which Leeds can justly boast. He was a strong personality, the type of man born to succeed and to rule; robust in thought, decided in action, yet full of gentleness, sympathy, and kindness. All who met him admired him for his great gifts; those who knew him well loved him well.

DEATHS OF EMINENT FOREIGN MEDICAL MEN.—The deaths of the following eminent foreign medical men are announced:—Dr. Karl Maydl, professor of surgery in the Bohemian University of Prague, from apoplexy, in his fifty-first year. He was a most skilful operator and to him are due the operations of implanting the ureters in the rectum in cases of vesical ectopia and of utilising the muscles of the abdomen for the formation of a sphincter in artificial anus.—Dr. de Laskie Miller, professor of midwifery in the Rush Medical College, Chicago.—Dr. W. H. Parish, professor of anatomy in the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania.

Medical News.

FOREIGN UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE.—*Vienna*: It is probable that Professor Victor v. Hacker of Gratz will be offered the vacant chair of Surgery.—*Zürich*: Dr. Meyer-Wirz has been recognised as *privat-docent* of Midwifery and Gynæcology.

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF INEBRIETY.—Dr. T. N. Kelynack, the honorary secretary of the Society for the Study of Inebriety, has been elected an honorary corresponding member of the American Association for the Study and Cure of Inebriety.

MOTOR-CARS AND A MEDICAL MAN.—At Christchurch, Hampshire, on Sept. 6th, several motor-car drivers were convicted of driving at an excessive speed and were fined accordingly. In one case, which was adjourned, the defendant, a medical practitioner of London, wrote stating that he had never possessed or driven a motor-car in his life and suggested that the offending driver must have given his name and address falsely.

A MEMBER of the London and Counties Medical Protection Society was some time ago arrested by the Japanese police on board ship by mistake for an individual of the same name. As a result of representations made by the society to the Foreign Office the Japanese Government has now decided that, while maintaining that the claim for compensation could not be entertained in accordance with the law of the country, it will grant the complainant as a matter of courtesy the sum of £30 in view of the annoyance and inconvenience to which he has been put.

THE SANITARY INSTITUTE. — A provincial sessional meeting of the Sanitary Institute will be held at the University of Birmingham on Saturday, Sept. 26th, at 11 A.M., when a discussion will take place on Some Practical Considerations in connexion with Modern Methods of Treating Sewage. The discussion will be opened by Dr. A. Bostock Hill and Mr. J. E. Willcox, A.M.I.C.E., and general discussion is invited. The chair will be taken at 11 A.M. by Dr. Alfred Hill. Tickets for the admission of visitors may be had on application to Mr. J. T. Eayrs, M.I.C.E., 39, Corporation-street, Birmingham, who is acting as the local honorary secretary of the meeting, and of Mr. E. White Wallis, the secretary.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE JOINT SMALL-POX HOSPITAL.—The quarterly meeting of the board of this hospital was held on Sept. 10th at Hanley. A copy of a letter from the Bagnall parish council which had been sent to the Local Government Board was submitted. This letter stated that there had been an outbreak of small-pox at Bagnall, hitherto free from the disease, which could be distinctly traced to the new hospital. Five cases had been reported. The board schools in consequence had to be closed for a month, people in neighbouring towns refused to purchase the village milk, and former holiday-trippers now kept away. The board has applied to the Local Government Board for permission to borrow £8000 for a permanent building on the site but great opposition is shown by the villagers. Dr. C. H. Phillips, the medical officer, reported

that the number of patients admitted to the hospital during the quarter was 60.

THE "MARTINDALE" MEMORIAL.—The "Martindale" Memorial Committee has arranged that the marble bust of the late Mr. William Martindale shall be unveiled and formally presented, together with the die for the Memorial Medal, to the Pharmaceutical Society at the inaugural sessional meeting of the School of Pharmacy on Thursday, Oct. 1st.

THE SALARIES OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH.—In the annual report of the Local Government Board, which has been recently issued, allusion is made to the greater activity in sanitary matters in Falmouth than was previously the case; but the town council is reminded that the present salary of the medical officer of health, which is only £60 per annum, is scarcely sufficient to enable that gentleman to devote the amount of time which is necessary for the performance of the important duties of his office.

ANCIENT REMAINS NEAR DORCHESTER.—Under the direction of Mr. St. George Gray, curator of the Taunton Museum, some ancient British barrows have been opened at Martinstown, near Dorchester. In one small barrow was discovered a quantity of pottery and human remains, including a perfect skeleton, the latter being the primary interment. In a larger barrow a large British urn was found; this covered cremated remains which were wrapped in some material of cloth or rushes the texture of which is still traceable. A great number of worked flints were also discovered. Mr. Gray puts the age of the remains at approximately 1500 B.C.

CRIME DUE TO INEBRIETY.—At the Central Criminal Court a prisoner, after the commission of an indictable offence through drunkenness, has been tried and sentenced under the Inebriates Act upon a second indictment charging her with habitual drunkenness. This is the first time the situation has occurred. The accused, a married woman, pleaded guilty to neglecting her three children in a manner likely to cause them unnecessary suffering, and having afterwards been found guilty upon the indictment under the Inebriates Act was ordered to be detained for two years in the Southern Counties Inebriates' Reformatory, Lewes.

EXAMINATION OF LUNATICS AT POLICE-COURTS.—It is stated that there are 59 places in England where lunatics are examined in the police-courts. In the West of England Bristol, Devonport, and Crediton are amongst them. Most medical men will agree with the Commissioners in Lunacy who urge that the examination and certification of all cases should be done at the homes of the patients. The Commissioners declare that it is highly prejudicial to the recovery of the patients and originates the delusions that crimes have been committed and that seclusion in an asylum is the punishment. Certainly, any practitioner who has had cases in the towns referred to will bear witness to the objection the relatives of the lunatics have to their being taken to the police-court.

PHYSICAL DEGENERATION AND THE POVERTY LINE.—Mrs. Helen Bosanquet read a paper on this subject at the British Association meeting on Monday last. She said that alarming statements had been made as to the extent and cause of physical degeneration. It was generally assumed that one-third of the population was too poor to maintain itself in physical efficiency and it was supposed that this assumption was justified by the investigations of Mr. Booth and Mr. Rowntree. Mrs. Bosanquet pointed out, however, that their figures only applied to London and York and that there appeared to be a great discrepancy between them. The figures of Mr. Booth infer that people with incomes at the rate of 21s. or less for a moderate family numbered 30 per cent. of the population, whilst Mr. Rowntree's figures would show that people with incomes at the rate of 21s. 8d. or less for a moderate family numbered 9.91 per cent. of the population. Mr. Rowntree, however, brought up his numbers classed below the poverty line to 27.84 per cent. by adding 17.93 per cent. who are living in apparent poverty, although their incomes are sufficient to raise them above it. Mrs. Bosanquet added that it seemed probable that Mr. Booth's 30 per cent. also included a large majority whose condition was not due to want of money. With reference to physical degeneration she stated that the evidence from recruiting statistics was hardly enough to prove degeneration from any standard previously attained,

considering the abnormal circumstances in which recruiting had recently been carried on, while much of the evidence of the Scottish Commission went to show a decided improvement. Nevertheless, many children never attained their proper development. These were mainly the children of the apparently poor who were too ignorant or too careless to nurture them properly. Mrs. Bosanquet was of opinion that the evil could not be met by subsidising the parents' earnings or by school feeding, but only by educating women in their duties as wives and mothers, and meanwhile by dealing with neglected children individually. Mr. Henry Southall agreed that it was improper expenditure rather than poverty that had to be combated. Mr. A. L. Bowley said that Mr. Rowntree's and Mr. Booth's research did not touch districts characteristic of the agricultural or manufacturing population.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND POLLUTED SHELL-FISH.—Dr. H. Williams, the medical officer of health of the Port of London, in his report to the Port Sanitary Committee states that last December the sale of cockles from Leigh-on-Sea was prohibited by the Fishmongers' Company in the London market owing to their pollution by sewage effluent after being relaid in Leigh Creek, but this restriction was withdrawn on the understanding that the cockles should be brought straight from the gathering grounds and boiled for not less than three and a half minutes. Relaying, however, had been continued, and Dr. Williams thought it was essential that local authorities should have powers to prevent the collection of sewage-polluted shell-fish which affected the health of a large number of persons.

THE NEWTON ABBOT (DEVON) ISOLATION HOSPITAL.—The new isolation hospital erected by the Newton Abbot joint hospital committee has been just opened for the reception of patients. The hospital has been built at a cost of £3560 and will be used solely for cases of enteric fever. It contains two wards, each of which has beds for four male and female patients respectively. The administrative block, in compliance with the requirements of the Local Government Board, will provide accommodation for five nurses. At the rear of the building is an iron hospital which, at first intended for small-pox patients, is to be used for cases of diphtheria and scarlet fever. In the two hospitals beds are provided for 20 patients, but in an emergency the number could be increased to 30. Near the entrance gates and in other parts of the grounds are the mortuary, laundry, disinfecting chamber, and washhouses.

BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

- APPLETON, D., AND CO., New York and London.
A Treatise on Diseases of the Rectum, Anus, and Sigmoid Flexure. By Joseph M. Matthews, M.D., LL.D., President of the American Medical Association, 1898. Third edition, revised. Price 21s. net.
- BAILLIÈRE, TINDALL, AND COX, 8, Henrietta-street, Covent-garden, W.C.
The Practical Details of Cataract Extraction. By H. Herbert, F.R.C.S. Eng., Major I.M.S., Professor of Ophthalmic Medicine and Surgery, Grant Medical College. Second edition. Price 4s. net.
- CHURCHILL, J. & A., 7, Great Marlborough-street, W.
Surgery: its Theory and Practice. By William Johnson Walsham, F.R.C.S. Eng., M.B., C.M. Aberd. Eighth edition. Illustrations by Walter George Spencer, M.S., M.B. Lond., F.R.C.S. Eng. Price 18s. net.
A Simple Method of Water Analysis. Especially designed for the use of Medical Officers of Health. By John C. Thresh, M.D. Vict., D.Sc. Lond., D.P.H. Camb. Fourth edition. Price 2s. 6d.
- FISCHER, GUSTAV, Jena.
Der Basalzellenkrebs. Von Dr. E. Krompecher, Privatdozent für pathologische Histologie und Bakteriologie und Adjunkt am pathologisch-anatomischen Institute No. II. der königl. ung. Universität zu Budapest. Price M.20.
- HARRISON AND SONS, St. Martin's-lane, W.C.
England's Future. By W. Culver James, M.D. Third edition, Price 3d.
- HIRSCHWALD, AUGUST, Unter den Linden, 68, Berlin, N.W.
Vaginale und Abdominale Operationen. Von Dr. Karl Abel in Berlin. Price M. 6.
- HODDER AND STOUGHTON, 27, Paternoster-row, E.C.
The Story of My Life. By Helen Keller. With a supplementary account by John Albert Macy. Price 7s. 6d.
- LEWIS, H. K., 136, Gower-street, W.C.
Cancer and Precancerous Changes: their Origin and Treatment. By G. H. Fink, M.R.C.S., L.S.A. Lond., Major, Indian Medical Service (retired). Price not stated.
A Practical Text-book of the Diseases of Women. By Arthur H. N. Lewers, M.D. Lond., F.R.C.P. Lond., Senior Obstetric Physician to the London Hospital and Lecturer on Midwifery in the London Hospital Medical School. Sixth edition. Price 10s. 6d.

- OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 20, Hanover-square, W.
Transactions of the Obstetrical Society of London. Vol. XLV. For the year 1903. Part II, for March, April, and May. Edited by Amand Routh, M.D., Senior Secretary, and Herbert R. Spencer, M.D. Price 5s.
- PENTLAND, YOUNG J., Edinburgh and London.
Manual of Practical Anatomy. By D. J. Cunningham, M.D. Edin. & Dubl., D.Sc., LL.D., D.C.L. Oxon., F.R.S., Professor of Anatomy in the University of Edinburgh. Volume second. Thorax; Head and Neck. Third edition. Price not stated.
- RUDEVAL, F. R. DE, 4, Rue Antoine Dubois, Paris.
De l'Hospitalisation d'Urgence en Temps de Guerre. Par le Dr. Ferrier. Price 3 francs.
- SWAN SONNENSCHNEIN AND CO., LIMITED, Paternoster-square, E.C.
The Wonderful Century. New edition. By Alfred Russel Wallace. Price 7s. 6d. net.
- THE MACMILLAN COMPANY, New York (MACMILLAN AND CO., LIMITED, London).
Studies in Physiology, Anatomy, and Hygiene. By James Edward Peabody, A.M., Instructor in Biology in the Morris High School, New York City. Price 5s.
- VOGEL, F. C. W., Leipsic.
Archiv für Experimentelle Pathologie und Pharmakologie. Redigirt von Dr. B. Naunyn und Dr. O. Schmiedeberg in Strassburg i.E. 50 Band, 1 u. 2 Heft. Ausgegeben am 3 September, 1903. Preis eines Bandes M. 16.
- WHITTAKER AND CO., 2, White Hart-street, Paternoster-square, E.C.
University College, Bristol. Calendar for the Session, 1903-1904. Price not stated.

Appointments.

Successful applicants for Vacancies, Secretaries of Public Institutions, and others possessing information suitable for this column, are invited to forward to THE LANCET Office, directed to the Sub-Editor, not later than 9 o'clock on the Thursday morning of each week, such information for gratuitous publication.

- BAWDEN, J. B., M.D. Edin., has been appointed Certifying Surgeon under the Factory Act for the Kidwelly District of the County of Carmarthen.
- BRYDON, JOHN, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Edin., L.F.P.S. Glasg., has been appointed House Surgeon at the Hartlepool Hospital, Hartlepool.
- CONDON, F. W., L.R.C.P., F.R.C.S. Irel., has been appointed Certifying Surgeon under the Factory Act for the Ballyshannon District of the Counties of Donegal and Fermanagh.
- FITZ-HENRY, R. S. W., M.R.C.S. Eng., has been appointed House Surgeon to the Dewsbury and District General Infirmary, Dewsbury, Yorks.
- HENCHLEY, A. R., M.D., has been appointed a Clinical Assistant at the Chelsea Hospital for Women.
- HOUSELY, JOHN, M.D. St. And., has been appointed Medical Officer of Health of the Retford District Council.
- KENNEDY, A. DINGWALL, M.B., Ch.B. Glasg., has been appointed, *pro tem.*, Medical Officer to the Ballachulish Quarrymen's Medical Club and Friendly Societies.
- KNIGHT, WILFRED E., M.B., L.R.C.P. Edin., has been appointed Senior House Surgeon to the West Ham and East London Hospital.
- LIGHT, L. W., L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., has been appointed Medical Officer of the Bradwell District of the Maldon (Surrey) Union.
- MORGAN, C. HOWARD, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., has been appointed a Clinical Assistant at the Chelsea Hospital for Women.
- NESFIELD, R. W., M.B., Ch.B. Vict., has been appointed Medical Officer of the Cumberworth Division of the Huddersfield Union.
- ROBERTSON, A., M.D., D.P.H., has been appointed a Clinical Assistant at the Chelsea Hospital for Women.
- SELLS, C. J., L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., has been appointed Medical Officer of the "Scattered Homes" of the Guildford Union.
- THOM, R. B., M.B., Ch.B. Glasg., has been appointed Certifying Surgeon under the Factory Act for the Linlithgow District of the County of Linlithgow.

Vacancies.

For further information regarding each vacancy reference should be made to the advertisement (see Index).

- ABERYSTWYTH, THE INFIRMARY.—House Surgeon. Salary £150 per annum, with board and residence.
- BLACKBURN AND EAST LANCASHIRE INFIRMARY.—Junior House Surgeon. Salary £70 per annum, with board, washing, &c.
- BRADFORD POOR-LAW UNION (SANATORIUM FOR CONSUMPTIVES), Eastby, near Skipton.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary £100, with rations, apartments, and washing.
- BURTON-ON-TRENT INFIRMARY.—House Surgeon. Salary £120, rising to £140 per annum, with rooms, board, coal, and light free.
- CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Victoria-park, E.—Physician to Out-patients.
- ECCLES AND PATRICROFT HOSPITAL.—House Surgeon, unmarried. Salary £70 per annum, with board and washing.
- GLASGOW EYE INFIRMARY.—Resident Assistant House Surgeon. Salary £75, with apartments and board.
- HITCHIN, THREE COUNTIES ASYLUM.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer, unmarried. Salary £150 a year, with board, lodging, and washing.