

reference to the study of tuberculosis in milk is also shown. 438 samples were examined during the year 1898 and 450 samples during the present year to date. It is computed that the cost of the investigations will reach the figure of £450 for the year

Oct. 24th.

SCOTLAND.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

The Glasgow Southern Medical Society.

THE annual dinner of the Glasgow Southern Medical Society was held on Oct. 19th in the St. Enoch Station Hotel, Glasgow, the President of the society, Dr. Hugh Kelly, being in the chair. There were 47 gentlemen present, and Professor William Macewen, F.R.S., Honorary President of the society, was the guest of the evening. Dr. T. W. Jenkins and Dr. W. Watson acted as croupiers, and among others present were Sir William Gairdner, Professor McCall Anderson, and Professor Glaister. After the loyal and patriotic toasts had been duly honoured Dr. Sloan proposed the toast of "The Honorary President," and in doing so referred to his acute powers of observation and to his distinguished career as a surgeon. There were warriors, continued Dr. Sloan, to be found in the field of battle, but in the arena of peaceful life heroes were also to be found, and Professor Macewen was one of them. In responding to the toast Professor Macewen thanked the society for electing him their honorary president—a position which was the most honourable in their power to bestow and which came to him quite unexpectedly. He referred to his long connexion with the society and maintained that in its management it was an example that other medical societies in Glasgow might advantageously follow. Other toasts followed and speeches were made by Professor Glaister, Mr. H. E. Clark, Dr. Barr, Dr. Hamilton, Dr. Grant Andrew, and others. An orchestra rendered selections during the evening and members of the society aided the harmony by song.

University of Glasgow.

A grant of £10,000 to this University has been made by the trustees of the late Mr. James B. Thomson for the reconstruction of the Anatomical Department.

Aberdeen University.

The Joint Committee of Aberdeen Town Council and University Court met on Oct. 19th to consider the University Buildings Extension Scheme. After an animated discussion the "popular plan" was adopted subject to the proviso that a vigorous effort should be made to obtain the funds for the purpose. The plan referred to, prepared by Mr. A. Marshall Mackenzie, A.R.S.A., architect, of Aberdeen, shows the new Greyfriars Church, with a handsome tower, at the corner of Queen-street, the estimated cost being £45,000.

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IRELAND.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin.

THE inaugural address on the occasion of the formal opening of the winter medical session was delivered on Oct. 23rd by Dr. Thomas More Madden, obstetric physician to the institution (published on p. 1149). The chair was occupied by Dr. J. W. Moore, President of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, and the large assemblance of medical men and students was addressed by Mr. Justice O'Brien and by other distinguished members of the legal profession. The *Irish Times* of Oct. 24th in a leading article says: "This handsome edifice presents a noble front, with its touching inscription in letters of gold, 'The Mater Misericordiae Hospital,' and is a facsimile of the Queen's seaside residence in the Isle of Wight—Osborne House."

Accommodation in Belfast National Schools.

At a meeting of the Public Health Committee held on Oct. 19th the medical officer of health in submitting a report on an examination into schools states that there are 121 school buildings in the city. There were 72 national

schools in which the average daily attendance exceeded the number for which there is school accommodation, allowing eight feet square of floor space for each pupil. However, in August last 23 of them had reduced their number to the proper standard, leaving 49 schools still overcrowded. A list of schools which are overcrowded was submitted and a report is to be brought forward at the next meeting on those most pressing either from the point of view of overcrowding or structural defects, and the Public Health Committee will deal with them.

Clinical Teaching in the Belfast Union Infirmary.

The visiting staff of the Belfast Union Infirmary and Fever Hospital have arranged to start a clinical class during the present winter session for a limited number of senior students of the Belfast Medical School.

The Forster-Green Hospital for Consumption.

At a meeting of the General Committee of this institution it was reported that a verandah had been erected the full length of the south wing of the building at a cost of £176. The number of applications is increasing, so that during the nine months ended Sept. 30th 122 new patients had been admitted, while 346 have been treated in the extern. A resident physician is to be appointed. It was reported that the open-air treatment, though only in operation for a short time, had been productive of good results and a large proportion of the patients when discharged were enabled to return to their usual avocations.

Newry Fever and General Hospital.

At the annual meeting of the subscribers of this institution, held on Oct. 11th, it was reported that 1173 cases had been treated during the year with only nine deaths. Under the provisions of the new Local Government (Ireland) Act the management of the hospital and the admission of patients will in future be controlled by a joint committee, appointed triennially, consisting of a certain number appointed by the subscribers and of such number of members of the County Council of Down or other persons appointed by them as the Local Government Board may from time to time fix. The county council have nominated 10 and the subscribers to the hospital have nominated 21, so these 31 (both ladies and gentlemen) form the new joint committee. The grand jury paid the hospital a sum of £200 per annum out of the county cess and it is expected that the county council will continue this grant.

The M.B. Examinations of the Royal University of Ireland.

At the examinations for the M.B., B.Ch., and B.A.O. degrees of the Royal University of Ireland held in Dublin this month there were 52 candidates, of whom 35 passed, and of these 35 successful aspirants to practise 21 came from the Belfast School of Medicine. Seven gentlemen were recommended for the further examination for honours, of whom five were Belfast students.

Oct. 25th.

PARIS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

The Public Examinations for Hospital Appointments.

THE Director of the Assistance Publique has just issued a new regulation modifying the method of procedure in the examinations for the post of physician to the hospitals. The conduct of these examinations has always given rise to severe criticism on the part of those already elected as well as on the part of the candidates, and in October, 1897, the Hospital Physicians' Medical Society appointed a committee to consider some reforms to be introduced into the examinations. After a great deal of discussion a scheme was adopted and laid before the Director of the Assistance Publique in December of the same year. The new rules, however, which have appeared after 20 months' consideration on the part of the director, go but a little way towards meeting the points laid down as desirable by the society. Indeed, according to some hospital physicians, notably Dr. Achard, they intensify the inconveniences of the old system. The sole improvement is that by which the six physicians annually nominated are to be so nominated by one annual examination instead of at the two or three annual examinations which used to take place and which, as they respectively lasted six weeks, kept the candidates at work for the