

## VILLAGE NURSES.

WE are glad to see that the practice of having trained nurses in country districts to visit the sick poor at their own homes is largely on the increase. At Thames Ditton a fund has been formed for the support of a nurse, and already the poor are finding benefit from her ministrations, under the superintendence of some of the philanthropic ladies and gentlemen of the district.

Mr. M. Delmard.—Apply to the Secretary of Guy's Hospital.

## THE UNIVERSITIES OF GLASGOW AND MELBOURNE.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—I am somewhat surprised at the silence of the Glasgow University authorities on the subject of "Cantab.'s" letter, which appeared in the pages of THE LANCET some time ago, as one would imagine such reports, if left unchallenged, would have a tendency to militate against the value of degrees conferred by that University, and possibly in the course of time to do it considerable injury. I am hoping such a state of things does not exist in any British or Irish University, and I am therefore glad to see Mr. Violette's letter in your impression of this week, as he, being an Australian, and acquainted with many from his country studying in Glasgow University, ought to be able to give a true account if such favours have been or are conferred on Melbourne undergraduates. He says distinctly that "students from Melbourne receive no undue preference, only receiving credit *pro tanto* for any certificates of examination and lectures they can produce."

I have known a number of men migrate from British and Irish Universities to Glasgow in search of degrees before and since the new regulations of 1860 came in force, and these men in no instance got credit for any class or *annus medicus* they could not produce certificates for having attended regular and distinct courses of lectures on the subjects they wished to obtain credit for. I should, therefore, be glad if any of your readers would kindly inform me why Glasgow University should deal so leniently with students from an almost unknown University, when they are so strict in testing the various certificates &c. produced by men who have studied in some of our oldest and most honoured Universities and schools of Great Britain and Ireland. I do not know when Melbourne University received its charter; but I see the site of the town itself was laid out so recently as April, 1837.

I am, Sir, very truly yours,

Skipton, Yorks, March 25th, 1878. WM. WYLIE, M.D., &c.

\* \* This correspondence must now close, unless the authorities of the University of Glasgow see fit to answer the statements contained in "Cantab.'s" letter.—ED. L.

COMMUNICATIONS, LETTERS, &c., have been received from—Mr. Erichsen, London; Mr. W. Adams, London; Mr. Butler, Forres; Dr. Renton, Hamilton; Messrs. Kilner Brothers, London; Mr. Fisher, London; Mr. Land, Cobham; Mr. Thomas, Newport; Dr. Edwards, Cheltenham; Mr. Sieng, Tavistock; Dr. Willis, Barnes; Mr. Beal, London; Dr. Lloyd, Lambeth; Mr. Wicks, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Mr. Ridout, Pimlico; Captain Fortescue, London; Mr. G. S. Smith, Bangkok; Mr. Kamat, Shoepore, India; Mr. Moreton, London; Mr. Field, London; Mr. Barter, Macclesfield; Mr. M'Rae, Penicuik; Mr. Crouch, London; Mr. Goyder, Bradford; Mr. Evans, Anglesey; Mr. Pearce, Holsworthy; Mr. Delmard, Manchester; Mr. Capon, Dorchester; Mr. R. Smith, London; Messrs. W. and D. Harvest, London; Messrs. King and Co., London; Mr. Blomfield, Lynn; Dr. Hurley, Withern; Dr. Maxwell, Woolwich; Mr. Kukley, South Shields; Dr. R. Neale, London; Messrs. Pilgeram and Lefeore, London; Mr. T. Hawksley, London; Messrs. White and Pike, Birmingham; Mr. M'Intyre, Rotherfield; Dr. Fox, Chelmsford; Dr. Fitzpatrick; Dr. Cresswell; Mr. Hall; Mr. Shires; Dr. Hadley; Dr. Powell, Bromyard; Mr. Kelly; Mr. Berridge; Dr. Banks, Mapleton, Iowa; Mr. Cowper; Dr. Thornley, Newry; Mr. Deane; Dr. Ramsden, Ravensthorpe; Dr. Cuolahan, Bermondsey; Dr. Buchanan, Glasgow; Mr. Richardson; Mr. Gray; Mr. Sampson; Dr. Tatham, Manchester; Mr. P. E. Hill, Crickhowell. Dr. Macnab, Bury St. Edmunds; Dr. Jones, Menai-bridge; Mr. W. Williams, London; The Registrar-General of Edinburgh; T. O. W.; Another Surgeon-Major; T. B.; A Dublin Student; Fairplay; Jonah; General Practitioner; F.R.C.S.; Enquirer; E. P. H.; L.R.C.P. Edin.; P. H. V.; Index; A Constant Reader; Scalpa; A Student; Viator; Surgeon; The Registrar-General of Births &c.; X.; Surgeon-Major; Candidate; T. S. T.; &c. &c.

LETTERS, each with enclosure, are also acknowledged from—Mr. Taylor, Cottishall; Messrs. Bleeck and Leach, Bath; Mr. Randall, Neath; Mr. Davis, Mountain Ash; Mr. Batten, Bromsgrove; Dr. Buckoll, Nottingham; Mr. Salter, Bath; Mr. Rutherford, Newcastle; Dr. Pearson Seymour, Cape Colony; Dr. Wegg, Coleville, Jamaica; Messrs. Porteous and Co., Glasgow; Mr. Spowart, Great Ayton; Mr. Warren; Mr. Elliott; Mr. Harthan; Mr. Brooke; Mr. Kenny; Dr. Pickering, Bolton; Mr. Smith, Coxwold; Dr. Bryan; Dr. Baker, Birkenhead; A. B., Aberdeen; Scapula, Newtown; Delta, Glasgow; M.D., Manchester; B. C. G.; Medicus; M. D.; M. R. C. S., Oldham; B. C., Newcastle; Aleph; R. W. S., Birmingham; Medico; Beta; Pharmacia; Assistant, Workop; W. M.; W. W. C., Eastbourne; M. B., Kilkhampton; M.R.C.S., Huddersfield; Physician; Surgeon; J. T.; C. W., Wells.

Newcastle Daily Journal, Kidderminster Shuttle, West Middlesex Advertiser, Era, Manchester Guardian, Sheffield Daily Telegraph, Ballarat Star, British Architect, Social Notes, Spiritualist, &c., have been received.

## Medical Diary for the ensuing Week.

## Monday, April 8.

ROYAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, MOORFIELDS.—Operations, 10½ A.M. each day, and at the same hour.  
ROYAL WESTMINSTER OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL.—Operations, 1½ P.M. each day, and at the same hour.  
ST. MARK'S HOSPITAL.—Operations, 9 A.M. and 2 P.M.  
METROPOLITAN FREE HOSPITAL.—Operations, 2 P.M.  
ROYAL ORTHOPÆDIC HOSPITAL.—Operations, 2 P.M.  
MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.—8½ P.M. Mr. Wm. Rose will exhibit a Child from whom he has removed the half of the Lower Jaw.—Mr. Fisher will show two Cases of Congenital Talipes.—Dr. Sansom: "Notes on some common Disorders of Children."

## Tuesday, April 9.

GUY'S HOSPITAL.—Operations, 1½ P.M., and on Friday at the same hour.  
WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL.—Operations, 2 P.M.  
NATIONAL ORTHOPÆDIC HOSPITAL.—Operations, 2 P.M.  
WEST LONDON HOSPITAL.—Operations, 3 P.M.  
ROYAL INSTITUTION.—3 P.M. Professor Garrod, "On the Protoplasmic Theory of Life, and its bearing on Physiology."  
ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.—8 P.M.  
ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—8 P.M. Ballot.—8½ P.M. Dr. Southey, "On some Points in the Minute Anatomy of the Kidney which have important bearings on its Physiological Functions in Health and Disease."—Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson, "On Paralysis of the Internal Muscles of the Eye, a group of symptoms which usually indicate Disease of the Lenticular Ganglion."

## Wednesday, April 10.

MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.—Operations, 1 P.M.  
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL.—Operations, 1½ P.M.  
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.—Operations, 1½ P.M., and on Saturday at the same hour.  
ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.—Operations, 1½ P.M., and on Saturday at the same hour.  
KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL.—Operations, 2 P.M., and on Saturday at 1 P.M.  
LONDON HOSPITAL.—Operations, 2 P.M., and on Thursday and Saturday at the same hour.  
GREAT NORTHERN HOSPITAL.—Operations, 2 P.M.  
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL.—Operations, 2 P.M., and on Saturday at the same hour.  
SAMARITAN FREE HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.—Operations, 2½ P.M.  
ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—5 P.M. Lumleian Lectures: Dr. Bucknill, "On Insanity in its Legal Relations."  
HUNTERIAN SOCIETY.—7½ P.M. Council Meeting.—8 P.M. Mr. Davies-Colley, "On a Rheumatoid Affection of Joints in Women."—Dr. Galabin, "On the Treatment of Prolapsus Uteri."  
EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—8½ P.M. The President, "On the Plague and Typhus Fever in India."

## Thursday, April 11.

ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL.—Operations, 1 P.M.  
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.—1½ P.M. Surgical Consultations.  
ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.—Ophthalmic Operations, 4 P.M.  
CHARING-CROSS HOSPITAL.—Operations, 2 P.M.  
CENTRAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL.—Operations, 2 P.M., and on Friday at the same hour.  
ROYAL INSTITUTION.—3 P.M. Professor Dewar, "On the Chemistry of the Organic World."

## Friday, April 12.

ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL.—Ophthalmic Operations, 1½ P.M.  
ROYAL SOUTH LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL.—Operations, 2 P.M.  
ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—5 P.M. Lumleian Lectures: Dr. Bucknill, "On Insanity in its Legal Relations."  
QUEKETT MICROSCOPICAL CLUB.—8 P.M.  
ROYAL INSTITUTION.—8 P.M. Weekly Meeting.—9 P.M. Sir Joseph D. Hooker, "On the Distribution of Plants in North America."  
CLINICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.—8½ P.M. Mr. Nunn: (1) "Electrolytic Treatment of Epulis"; (2) Plantar Bunion.—Dr. Semon: "Bilateral Paralysis of Crico-arytenoidei Postici Muscles" (living specimen).—Dr. Barlow and Mr. Marsh: "Ovariectomy in a Child aged twelve years."—Mr. Barker: "Wound of an Abnormal Obturator Artery in an Operation for Femoral Hernia."

## Saturday, April 13.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—Operations, 2 P.M.  
ROYAL INSTITUTION.—3 P.M. Professor Pauer, "On the Calvecinistes and their Works" (with Musical Illustrations).

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