

THE ASSOCIATION OF FELLOWS OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.

A MEETING of the Committee of the Association of Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons of England was held on May 6th, Mr. T. HOLMES, Vice-President, in the chair.

Mr. PERCY DUNN, Honorary Secretary, reported that in answer to the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Committee, with reference to the admission of reporters at the half-yearly meetings of the Fellows, he had received a reply from the Council to the effect that it had been decided to admit reporters to the meetings.

A discussion then arose upon the question of the resolution passed at the March meeting of the Council, with reference to the direct representation of the Members on the Council, and it was ultimately agreed that the following resolution be adopted, and a copy thereof forwarded to the President of the College, namely:

That the Committee of the Association of Fellows regret that the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons should not have seen their way to adopt the resolution passed by a large majority at the meeting of Fellows on January 2nd, 1896, in favour of direct representation of the Members of the College upon the Council, and trust the opinion of the body of Fellows on this important subject may be ascertained as agreed upon at the meeting of the Council on February 11th, 1896.

The HONORARY SECRETARY reported that he had received a communication from Mr. W. G. Dickinson with respect to the Members' question, and a reply was directed to be sent, indicating that the Committee of the Association intended to wait until the result of the next meeting of the Council was known before taking any further steps in the matter.

The subject of the forthcoming vacancies on the Council was then briefly discussed, in the course of which Mr. A. T. NORTON stated that it was not his intention to become a candidate for a seat on the Council at the next election. Several other names of probable candidates were mentioned, but it was decided to postpone the consideration of these until the next meeting of the Committee (May 18th).

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 1896. ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

MEETINGS of the Council will be held on July 8th and October 21st, 1896. Candidates for election by the Council of the Association must send in their forms of application to the General Secretary not later than twenty-one days before each meeting—namely, June 18th and October 1st, 1896.

Any qualified medical practitioner, not disqualified by any by-law of the Association, who shall be recommended as eligible by any three members, may be elected a member by the Council or by any recognised Branch Council.

Candidates seeking election by a Branch Council should apply to the Secretary of the Branch. No members can be elected by a Branch Council unless their names have been inserted in the circular summoning the meeting at which they seek election.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary.*

LIBRARY OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

MEMBERS are reminded that the Library and Writing Rooms of the Association are fitted up for the accommodation of the members in commodious apartments, at the offices of the Association, 429, Strand. The rooms are open from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., Saturdays, 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Members can have their letters addressed to them at the Office.

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: EAST LONDON AND SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT.—The next meeting will be held, by kind invitation of Dr. Adams, at Brooke House, Upper Clapton, on Thursday, May 14th, at 8.30 P.M. Dr. F. H. DALY, J.P., Vice-President of the District, will take the chair. Dr. Stephen Mackenzie will give a demonstration of Diseases of the Skin.—HERBERT E. POWELL, Honorary Secretary, Glenarm House, Upper Clapton.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.—Owing to unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances, it is necessary to postpone the meeting of the Branch already announced for Tuesday, May 12th. It will take place on Friday, May 22nd, at 8.30 P.M., at the Geological Museum, Jermyn Street. Subject: The Amendment of the Laws relating to Certificates of Death and Coroners' Inquests.—ANDREW CLARK; ISAMBARD OWEN, Honorary Secretaries.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: NORTH LONDON DISTRICT.—A meeting of the District will be held on Thursday, May 21st, at 4 P.M., at the Tottenham Hospital, The Green, Tottenham, N. Dr. Cleveland will preside. Mr. Andrew Clark, F.R.C.S., L.S.A., will read a paper upon Some Remarks on Fractures of the Leg. Interesting clinical cases will be shown by the staff of the hospital. Visitors, not members of the Association, will be welcome.—HUGH WOODS, Honorary Secretary, 11, Archway Road, Highgate, N.

MIDLAND BRANCH.—The annual meeting will be held at Nottingham on Thursday, June 11th. Members desirous of reading papers or exhibiting cases are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary, Dr. CARLINE, Lincoln.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH.—The next meeting will be held at Sherborne on Wednesday, May 13th. The business meeting will be held at the Yeatman Hospital at 2.30 P.M. Agenda: Secretaries' Accounts for 1895. Report of Election of Branch Council. Election of a Representative of the Branch on the Council of the Association. Election of a Representative of the Branch on the Parliamentary Bills Committee. Election of New Members of the Branch. Place of the Summer Meeting. Communications from the Council of the Association: 1. Respecting the Civil Rights Defence Committee; 2. Respecting the Formation of Ethical Committees. Communication from Dr. Rentoul asking for Subscriptions towards Expenses incurred by him in opposing the Midwives Bill. Communication from Messrs. Raven and Welsford respecting the undertaking by the Association of Medical Defence. Communications respecting the Poor-Law Officers' Superannuation Bill. Consideration of the Midwives' Registration Bill as drafted by a Subcommittee of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the Association. Discussion: Bacteriology as Applied to Modern Medicine, to be opened by the President. Communications: Dr. McLean: On Ambulance Teaching in the County of Dorset. Mr. Curme: Short Notes of an Outbreak of Diphtheria at Shroton. Dr. Ewan: Notes on a case of Death from Puncture of the Heart by a Needle and a Piece of Wire; specimen to be shown. Dr. Whittingdale: Notes on some cases of interest in the Yeatman Hospital; patients to be shown. Dr. Lawrie: (1) Notes on two cases of Total Extirpation of the Uterus for Cancer; (2) Two cases of Radical Cure of Hernia with an Unusual Condition of the Sac. Mr. Atkinson: A case of Cirrhosis of the Liver. Dr. Ramsay: Notes of a case of Uterine Myoma causing Obstruction. Dinner at the Digby Hotel at 6.30 P.M.; charge 6s. each, without wine. Members intending to be present are requested to intimate their intention to Mr. Williams, Sherborne, on or before Monday, May 11th. Mr. Atkinson, Bainton House; Dr. Whittingdale, Brecon House; and Mr. Williams, The Cedars, will be pleased to see any members or friends at their residences to luncheon before the meeting. Mr. Atkinson will also be pleased to show members his collection of birds. A conveyance will be at Penmill Station to meet the 12.52 train and take members to Sherborne, returning for the 9.50 train. Gentlemen wishing to avail themselves of it should communicate with Mr. W. Rendall, Maiden Newton, two days before the meeting.—WILLIAM VAWDREY LUSH, M.D., Weymouth; C. H. WATTS PAR-KINSON, Wimborne, Honorary Secretaries.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SUSSEX DISTRICT.—The next meeting will be held at the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne, on Tuesday, May 12th, at 3.30 P.M. Dr. A. P. Sherwood in the chair. Dinner at 5.30 P.M.; charge 6s., exclusive of wine. The following papers are promised:—Mr. J. Norcott d'Esterre: An Interesting Case of Skin Disease. Dr. Redmayne: A Case of Phthisis treated by Tuberculin and Guaiacol Hypodermically. Dr. Ranking will call attention to the unsatisfactory attitude of the British Medical Association towards so-called homoeopathic practitioners, as disclosed in the correspondence between Mr. Fowke and Dr. Par-dington, and will submit a resolution on the subject. A letter will be considered from Dr. Welsford and Mr. Raven, urging the advisability of the adoption of medical defence duties by the British Medical Association.—J. W. BATTERHAM, Honorary District Secretary, Bank House, Grand Parade, St. Leonard's.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SURREY DISTRICT.—The next meeting will be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Thursday, May 14th, at 4 P.M.; W. Rosser, M.D., of Croydon, in the Chair. Dinner at 6 P.M.; Charge, 7s., exclusive of wine. All members of the South-Eastern Branch are entitled to attend, and to introduce professional friends. Agenda: The Adoption of the Duties of Medical Defence by the British Medical Association. The Civil Rights Defence Committee. Mr. William Anderson: The Surgical Treatment of Lupus and Tuberculous Disease of the Skin. Mr. Sydney Rowland, B.A.: Demonstration on Skiagraphy.—HENRY J. PRANGLEY, Honorary Secretary, Tudor House, Anerley, S.E.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.—The spring meeting will be held at Durham on Thursday, May 21st, at 4.30 P.M. The questions of medical defence, and of a local ethical committee will be taken up. Members wishing to exhibit patients or specimens, or to read papers, are requested to send notice to the Honorary Secretary of the Branch. The dinner after the meeting will take place at the County Hotel at 6 P.M.; 6s. 6d. each, exclusive of wine.—G. E. WILLIAMSON, F.R.C.S., Honorary Secretary, 8, Eldon Square, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.—The spring meeting will be held at Tenby on Saturday, May 16th.—ALFRED SHEEN, M.D.; D. ARTHUR DAVIES, M.B., Honorary Secretaries.