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ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL.

At a meeting of the Council held in the Council Room of the Association, 429 Strand, W.C., on Wednesday, October 23rd, 1901.

Present:

Dr. John Roberts Thomson, President of the Council, in the chair.

Mr. George Bagot Ferguson, President.

Dr. Andrew Clark, Treasurer.

Dr. Edgar G. Barnes, Eye.

Dr. J. J. Baus, Liverpool.

Dr. James Campbell, Newcastle.

Dr. James H. Beverley, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Dr. James H. Campbell, Gloucester.

Dr. Thomas Beattie, Newcaste-upon-Tyne.

Dr. Michael Bewley, Norwich.

Dr. J. Bragg Brierley, Old Tafford.

Mr. Langley Brown, West Bromwich.

Dr. R. C. Bunt, Dundee.

Professor John William Byers, Belfast.

Mr. Colin Campbell, Baddow.

Mr. James Cantile, London.

Dr. Edward J. Cave, Bath.

Dr. Thomas H. Chestel, Burford.

Dr. W. Chisholm, London.

Mr. John Ward Cousins, Portsmouth.

Dr. H. Radcliffe Crocker, London.

Dr. George W. Crow, Worcester.

Dr. F. MacI. Diak, Exeter.


Dr. William Dunton, Sheffield.

Dr. George Eastes, M.B., London.

Dr. William Alfred Elliston, Ipswich.

Dr. Frederic Fergus, Glasgow.

Dr. Edward Lawrence Fox, Plmouth.

Dr. John H. Galton, Upper Norwood.

Dr. Alfred Godson, Cheddle.

Mr. Eric Goff, Bothwell.

Dr. C. G. Gooding, London.

Dr. Major Greenwood, London.

The minutes of the last meeting having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and signed as correct.

Read letters of apology for non-attendance from Sir George Hare Phillips, Dr. Henry Barnes, Dr. Bridgewater, Professor Finlay, Dr. Morier, Surgeon-General O'Dwyer, Dr. C. Parsons, Dr. R. W. Philp, and Dr. Markham Skorrill.

Dr. Norman Walker introduced Dr. Stirling as the representative of the Perthshire branch.

The President of Council introduced Dr. Chisholm as the representative of the Sydney branch.

The President of Council reported the death of Dr. J. W. Miller, Dr. E. H. Dickinison, and Mr. T. Vincent Jackson.

Resolved: That the Council desires to express its deep regret at the death of Dr. James William Miller, of Dundee. It recalls the regular, faithful, and valuable services which he rendered to the Association during the six years he was on the Council. It would convey to his sorrowing relations its sympathy with them in their bereavement.

Resolved: That the Council desires to express its deep regret at the death of Dr. E. H. Dickinison, who for six years, from 1892 to 1898, represented the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch on the Council. His known good qualities and the interest which he took in the affairs of the Association made it a matter of regret to his colleagues when he ceased to be a member of the Council. The Council records its sense of the loss which the profession in Lancashire has sustained, and would convey to his bereaved relations its sympathy with them in their sorrow.

Resolved: That the Council has heard with much distress of the untimely death of Mr. Vincent Jackson, by which a vacancy has been made in the ranks of the Council which it will be very difficult to fill. For many years he had taken a very deep interest and a very active part in the deliberations of the Council, and his mature judgment and business aptitude led to his opinions being much valued and carrying great weight. The Council desires to place on record its sense of the services he rendered to the Association during all these years, both by his work on the Council and his identification with the local interests of the Association in his branch, and his personal sorrow at the loss of so amiable a colleague. It desires, also, to express its sympathy with his sorrowing widow and relatives.

The President of Council reported that an address to the King had been passed at the annual general meeting held at Cheltenham (British Medical Journal, August 3rd, p. 296).

Resolved: That the address be enclosed in an oxidised silver casket, and forwarded to His Majesty.

The President of Council reported that the following communication had been forwarded to the Home Secretary by the President of the Council on the death of the Empress Frederick:

Sir,—On the part of the British Medical Association I beg to express the deep sorrow that the death of the Empress Frederick has caused its members, as also their profound and most respectful sympathy with His Majesty the King and with all the Royal Family in their renewed and inexpressible sorrow. I remain, your obedient servant,

George Bagot Ferguson, M.D., Cheltenham.

President of the British Medical Association.

And that the following reply of the Home Secretary had been received:

Home Office, Whitehall, and October, 1901.

Sir,—I have had the honour to lay before the King the loyal and dutiful message of the British Medical Association expressing concordance with His Majesty and the Royal Family on the death of Her Imperial Majesty the Dowager Empress Frederick of Germany; and I have to inform you that His Majesty was pleased to receive the same very graciously—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

Chas. T. Ritchie.

George Bagot Ferguson, Esq., M.D., Cheltenham.

Resolved: That the same be received and entered on the minutes.

Resolved: That a letter from the Right Hon. Walter Hume Long, M.P., acknowledging the resolution passed at the annual meeting, thanking him for his strenuous efforts to stamp out hydrophobia:

Local Government Board, Whitehall, August 14th, 1901.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter conveying to me the resolution passed at the meeting of your Association at Cheltenham. I desire to express my high appreciation of the compliment which has been paid me, and beg you will be so good as to convey my thanks to the members of your Association.—Faithfully yours,

Walter H. Long.

G. Elliston, Esq.

Resolved: That the same be received and entered on the minutes.

The minutes of the Journal and Finance Committee were then considered.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Journal and Finance Committee be received.

Resolved: That the accounts for the quarter ending September 30th last, amounting to £9,588 5s. 1d., be received and approved, and that the Treasurer be empowered to pay those remaining unpaid, amounting to £3,679 5s. 7d.

Resolved: That an honorarium of 25 guineas be presented to Mr. Guy Elliston in consideration of his services in connection with the annual meeting at Cheltenham in Mr. Fowke's absence.

Resolved: That sanction be given for the purchase of the reverse of the lease of the late Mr. Dobbs, of 2 and 3, Agar Street, at a cost of £250.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Premises and Library Committee be received.

Resolved: That the accounts, amounting to £19 17s., be approved, and the Treasurer be empowered to pay them.

Resolved: That Messrs. Norris and Hadley's offer be accepted subject to the approval of the Solicitor as to any deeds and agreements which may be necessary.

Resolved: That it be referred to the President of Council and Treasurer to authorise such structural alterations as may be required for the purposes of the Association at 2 and 3, Agar Street, as soon as the Association has legal possession.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Medical Charities Committee be received.
Resolved: That the minutes of the General Practitioners and Ethical Committee be received.

Resolved: That the complaint of Dr. Vanderstraeten be referred to the Ceylon Branch, with a request for information.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Arrangement Committee be received.

Resolved: That the date of the meeting be fixed for July 29th, 30th, 31st, and August 1st, 1902.

Resolved: That the recommendations of the Arrangements Committee with certain slight changes and additions be approved and carried into effect:

Resolved: That the President of Council and the President-elect be empowered to fill up any vacancies in the Sections which may occur.

Resolved: That the following be appointed the representatives of the Association on the Joint Committee on Fees to Medical Witnesses: Mr. Andrew Clark, Dr. James Barr, and Dr. T. M. Dolan.

Resolved: That the West African Medical Service Committee be reappointed under the name of the "Crown Colonies and Protectorates Medical Service Committee," and that Dr. C. W. Daniels be added to the Committee.

Resolved: That the 50 candidates whose names appear on the circular convening the meeting (together with 7 professionals elected) be considered as the candidates whose names appear on the circular convening the meeting (together with 7 professionals elected) be considered as the candidates who are hereby elected members of the British Medical Association.

The resolutions passed in the State Medicine Section at the annual meeting at Cheltenham were then considered (See p. 1373.)

Resolved: That the resolutions passed in the Tropical Diseases Section at the Annual Meeting at Cheltenham were then considered:

SECTION OF TROPICAL DISEASES.

Tropical Diseases.—That in the opinion of this Association there is a large amount of grave disease produced by filaria nocturna in Barbadoes.

That these diseases can be got rid of by a simple and inexpensive measure.

That the suppression of filarial diseases would be a measure of great economic value to the colony.

Resolved: That the resolutions passed in the Tropical Diseases Section, with the exception of No. 5, be referred to the Barbadoes Branch.

Resolved: That the resolution passed in the Ophthalmology Section at the annual meeting at Cheltenham, of which the following is a copy:

SECTION OF OPHTHALMOLOGY.

Workmen’s Compensation Act and Injury to Eyesight.—That it is of opinion that the just and friendly settlement of claims for injury to the eyes under the Workmen’s Compensation Act, 1897, would be greatly facilitated by a knowledge of the condition of the eyesight of the injured person before the accident, and recommends that employers should adopt some simple plan whereby a record of the same should be appended to the nominal wage books, and that the Committee be requested to consider and report to the Council of the Association, the Committee to consist of Mr. T. H. Rickie, Dr. W. J. Deane (Walton), Dr. F. T. Corlett, Dr. J. T. Picken (Cardiff), Mr. Sydney Stephenson (London), and Mr. Hugh E. Jones.

Resolved: That the resolutions passed in the Ophthalmology Section at the annual meeting be referred to the Parliamentary Bills Committee.

Read a letter from Mr. G. H. Brandcott, of Manchester, forwarding, the names of fourteen members of the Association, to the President of Council calling the attention of the Council to the continued insertion of advertisements in the Manchester halfpenny newspapers, inviting persons to enter their names as "putative Members." Resolved: That the following letter be sent to the members of the Honorary Medical Staff of the Manchester Maternity Hospital:

The action of the Council of the British Medical Association has been repeatedly drawn to the notice of the advertisers issued by the institution of the staff of which you are a member. The Council desires to point out to you that the advertisements in question are open to misrepresentation by the part of the public, and that they are exhibited in the newspapers in association with other advertisements of a highly reprehensible character.

The Council feels the issue of these advertisements under such circumstances indirectly reflects upon the honour of the Medical Staff of the institution and the profession.

The Council therefore requests you to examine the advertisements complained of, and to use your influence to obtain the cessation of their appearance.

The copy of the newspaper in which the advertisements appear is the Manchester Evening News, and the issue before the Council is dated September 28th, 1901.

Resolved: That a Committee of the Council be appointed, consisting of Mr. H. Maury Denn, Mr. Haslam, Mr. Victor Horsley, Dr. Milburn, and Mr. Jones, to consider the whole subject of preliminary general education, and that the resolutions from the South-Western Branch be referred to that Committee, namely:

1. That it is undesirable that any one be registered as a medical student until he or she has attained the age of 17.

2. That the standard of the examination for preliminary general education, required by the General Medical Council, should be of a uniform standard for candidates of 17 years of age, of average intelligence and reasonable ability.

3. That the present system of examination be improved, and that the examination should include at least Latin, mathematics, English grammar, literature and essay writing, history, geography, and either French or German.

PARLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee was held at the office of the Association, 429, Strand, W.C., on Wednesday, October 23rd, 1901.

Present:

Dr. S. Woodcock, Chairman, in the Chair.

Dr. G. B. Ferguson, President.

Dr. J. Roberts Thomson, President of Council.

Mr. Andrew Clark, Treasurer.

Mr. J. H. Agar, Henley-in-Arden.

Dr. James Barrie, Liverpool.

Dr. A. G. Baxter, London.

Dr. R. W. Batten, Gloucester.

Dr. T. H. Bradshaw, Liverpool.

Dr. R. C. Brist, Dundee.

Mr. James Cantlie, London.

Dr. Alfred Cox, Gateshead.

Mr. P. D. Deas, Exeter.

Mr. W. Douglas, London.


Mr. E. F. Fox, Plymouth.

Dr. Bruce Goff, Bothwell.

Dr. James Goodwin, London.

Dr. J. Groves, Carisbrooke.

Mr. J. D. Harris, Shrewsbury.

Dr. M. Holman, London.

Mr. Ewan Jones, Aberdare.

Dr. W. A. MacKintosh, Stirling.

Dr. C. W. Marriott, Reading.

Dr. J. C. Milburn, Hull.

Mr. C. H. Milburn, M.D., M.D., Dublin.

Mr. W. J. W. Morris, Portmadoc.

Mr. J. Murphy, Sunderland.

Dr. J. Murphy, Inverness.

Dr. W. Newman, Stamford.

Dr. D. A. O’Sullivan, London.

Mr. C. H. W. Parkinson, Wimborne.

Dr. A. B., Ritchie, Hulme.

Dr. Shuttleworth, Richmond.

Dr. R. Somervell, Lithaniela.

Dr. R. Stirling, Perth.

Mr. C. R. Straton, Wilton.

Dr. Norman Walker, Edinburgh.

Dr. Martindale Ward, Twickenham.

Dr. Dawson Williams, London.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

On the motion of Dr. Roberts Thomson, seconded by Dr. Holman, Dr. S. Woodcock was re-elected Chairman.

The resolution of the Council appointing the Committee was taken as read. The minutes of the last meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read, and adopted.

The resolution of the Council nominating the following to form an ad hoc Committee to consider the question of a fee for non-attendance was read from Mr. George Brown, Dr. Carline, Dr. A. J. Harrison, Mr. Victor Horsley, Brigade-Surgeon Moriarty, Surgeon-General O’Dwyer, and Dr. Trestrail.

The Factory and Workshops Bill.

A letter was read from Dr. W. F. Dearden, Honorary Secretary of the Association of Certifying Factory Surgeons, thanking the Committee of the Council for supporting the efforts put forth in opposition to the notification of accidents clause in the Bill recently before Parliament, and also for the assistance rendered in endeavouring to obtain the amendment of a clause in the Bill which would provide for the payment of the fee for the certifying surgeon’s annual report. The notification of accidents clause was withdrawn by the Government, while the proposed new clause as to the fee for annual report was ruled out of order, as only a Minister of the Crown could bring forward a proposal involving additional expenditure.
REAPPOINTMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEES.

The Subcommittees were reappointed as follows:

Subcommittee to consider the Medical Acts Amendment Bill and the Mid- 
shipmen Bill, Mr. G. Bateman, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Greenwood, 
Mr. Victor Horsayle, F.R.S., Mr. C. H. Milburn, Mr. A. Brown Hitchie, 
Mr. R. C. Macmillan, and Mr. W. E. St. John Cockcrook.

Representatives of the British Medical Association and the Psycho-Logical 
Association on the Joint Committee of the British Medical 
and Zoological Association on Incipient Insanity.—Dr. James Barr, 
Mr. R. Maury Dear, and Dr. C. J. Threah.

Representations of the British Medical Association, and the Medico- 
Psychological Association on the Joint Committee of the 
British Medical Association and the Medico-Psychological Association on 
Profession.—Mr. George Eastes, Dr. W. J. Mickle, Dr. G. E. Shuttleworth, and 
Mr. A. R. Urquhart.

Public Health and Vaccination Committees.—The Public Health and 
Vaccination Committees were discharged into the hands of the title, 
consisting of the following members: Mr. R. W. E. Steene, Mr. George Brown, Dr. 
J. B. Cameron, Mr. Colin Campbell, Dr. A. E. Cope, Mr. Major Greenwood, 
Mr. J. A. George, Mr. C. S. Mallows, Mr. R. L. Parkinsen, and Dr. J. C. Threah.

Resolutions from ANNUAL MEETING.

The General Secretary reported that the following resolutions 
were carried in the Section of State Medicine at the annual meeting at Cheltenham had been referred by the 
Council to the Committee:

(1) Thanking the Committee:—Having regard to the paramount 
importance to the interests of the public health of security of tenure 
of office of sanitary officers, the State Medicine Section begs to express its 
approval of the Council of London in submitting a Bill in Parliament to 
that end, and their thanks for the same.

(2) That it appears desirable in the interest of the 
public health to minimise opportunities for the introduction of disease 
by shipborne rats, it is of importance that regulations made for this 
purpose should be so framed as not injuriously to affect the trade 
and commerce of the country.

The Committee recommends that the captains of vessels loading 
at plague-infected ports should be ordered to destroy rats on board ship 
before loading cargo, and to take precautions for preventing rats getting 
on board ships. It was also recommended that health certificates should be issued to 
officers obeying such orders.

(3) Factories and Workshops Bill:—That this Section expresses its 
satisfaction with the provisions in the Factories and Workshops Bill now before 
Parliament which require the medical officer of health of every district 
council in his annual report to report annually the Board of 
and the Factory Workshops Act to send a copy of his report to 
the Committee of the Factory for the Home Department.

That inasmuch as notice has been given of amendments of 
the provisions referred to, the effect of the amendment being to put this duty on 
other officers than the medical officer of health, and inasmuch as such 
reports will deal with questions affecting the health of the workers, the 
Section recommends the Association to adopt the above resolution and 
to communicate it to the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

With reference to (1) it was proposed by Dr. Groves, 
seconded by Mr. C. R. Staaton, and resolved:

That the matter of tenure of sanitary officers be reintroduced 
into Parliament at the proper time.

The second resolution, passed in the Section of Ophthalm- 
ology at the Cheltenham meeting, had also been referred by the 
Council to the Committee:

Women’s Compensation Act and Injury to Eyeglass.—That this Section is of 
opinion that the present terms of claims for injuries to the 
eyes under the Workman’s Compensation Act, 1897, would be greatly facilitated 
by a knowledge of the extent of the injury at the time of the accident, and recommends 
that employers should adopt some simple plan whereby a record of the sight of each eye should be 
attached to the person of the workman in the workshop, and that the matter 
was referred to a Committee to consider and report to the Council of the 
Association: The Committee consists of Mr. T. H. Bickeron (Liverpool), Mr. Simeon Snell (Sheffield), Dr. J. Talbot Thompson (Cardiff), Mr. Sydney Stephenson (London), and Mr. Hugh E. Jones (Liverpool) appointed 
Secretary to the Committee.

It was agreed that this matter should be referred back 
to the Council, as it was not within the power of the Committee 
to appoint a Committee consisting wholly of members who were not members of the Committee.

The Notification Act.

Dr. Major Greenwood drew attention to the working of the 
Notification of Infectious Diseases Acts, and said that lately in 
London several boroughs had added chicken-pox to the list of 
notifiable diseases for a certain time. It seemed to him that 
the notification of that kind was practically useless. He suggested 
that the county councils should be the units in ordering additions to be 
made to the list of notifiable diseases.

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL BRANCH: NORTH LONDON DISTRICT.—A meet- 
ning of this branch will be held at the North London 
Temperance Hospital, Hampstead Road, N.W., on Wednesday, November 13th, at 4.30 p.m. Dr. Hooper May, Vice-President, 
Mr. W. R. Greenwood, Mr. George Cameron, Mr. George Eastes, Mr. John 
Ellison, Dr. F. Parryman, Mr. J. D. Groves, Surgeon-General J. B. 
Hamilton, Surgeon-Major Reepburn, Mr. N. C. Macnamara, Dr. C. H. 
Milburn, Dr. J. E. Squire, who will read a paper on the Diagnosis and Treatment of Masloid Disease. The following members of the staff will show some interesting 
items on the Diseases of the Skin: Dr. S. J. McCaw, M.B., Coolidge 
Lodge, East Finchley, N., Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: WEST KENT DISTRICT.—The next meeting of 
this branch will be held at the Kent Ophthalmic Hospital, Maid- 
stone, on Friday, November 15th, at 3 p.m. Dr. F. Yorke Oliver, will preside. 
A paper, (postponed from the previous meeting) will be on Ophthalm-
ology at the Greenhithe, by Mr. G. D. Cartwright, Surgeon to the Kent County 
Ophthalmic Hospital, and Mr. Charles Killuck will also exhibit some 
items of interest. Mr. Theobald Thompson, Surgeon to the 
Westminster Hospital, and late Surgeon-in-Charge of the Imperial 
Eye and Ear Hospital, South Africa, will give an address on Sur- 
chices' Work; With a Field Hospital. Mr. Theobald Thompson, 
Squaring any communication before the meeting are requested to send early 
notice of the same to LODFORD COOPER, 19, Victoria Street, Rochester, 
Honorary Secretary.

SHROPSHIRE AND MID-WALES BRANCH.—The twenty-sixth annual 
meeting will be held at the Salop Infirmary on Tuesday, November 
5th, at 3 p.m. The President, Mr. George Whitwell, will take the chair.

The annual dinner will be held at the Cholmondeley Arms Hotel at 6 p.m. 
Dinner tickets (exclusive of wine) 6s. each. Morning dresses. Men have the 
privilege of introducing friends to the dinner. The following members 
will have been nominated:—Chairman: Mr. E. H. Cartwright, Surgeon to the Kent County 
Ophthalmic Hospital, and Mr. Charles Killuck will also exhibit some 
items of interest. Mr. Theobald Thompson, Surgeon to the 
Westminster Hospital, and late Surgeon-in-Charge of the Imperial 
Eye and Ear Hospital, South Africa, will give an address on Sur- 
cishes’ Work; With a Field Hospital. Mr. Theobald Thompson, 
Squaring any communication before the meeting are requested to send early 
notice of the same to LODFORD COOPER, 19, Victoria Street, Rochester, 
Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SUSSEX DISTRICT.—The next meeting of 
this District will be held at the Grand Hotel, Eastbourne, on November 
19th, at 4 p.m. Dr. A. Harper in the chair. There were forty-two members and 
without wine. Notice of intended communications should be sent to 
J. W. BARTHELM, M.B., Honorary District Secretary, 3, Grand Parade, St. 
Leonard’s.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST KENT DISTRICT.

The 106th meeting of this District was held at the Victoria 
Hospital, Folkestone, on September 19th, at 2.45 p.m., Dr. 
Tyrson in the chair. There were forty-two members and 
without wine. Notice of intended communications should be sent to 
J. W. BARTHELM, M.B., Honorary District Secretary, 3, Grand Parade, St. 
Leonard’s.
The effects of mal-accumulation in inducing the disease, and the various methods of preparing milk to meet the requirements of various rickety children, were dwelt upon. In the matter of treatment, stress was laid upon the advantages of sunlight and sea air, drugs being, in the author's opinion, of quite secondary importance. With regard to surgical treatment of rickety deformities—which in the long run did not appear to be particularly successful—it was necessary to follow up surgical interference with prolonged rest before any permanent advantage could be expected. Nor should surgical operations be undertaken until all signs of active rickets had disappeared.

Contract Practice.—Dr. Larking (Folkestone) read the paper entitled Contract Practice and its Difficulties, which is published at page 1324.

Clinical Demonstrations.—Some interesting cases and clinical specimens were shown at the hospital.

STIRLING, KINROSS, AND CLACKMANNAN BRANCH.

A general meeting of this Branch was held at Stirling on October 25th, under the Presidency of Dr. Joss.

Financial Report.—The Treasurer presented the report of the finances, which showed a balance of £134 4s. 5d.

Treasurer.—Dr. Ronald tendered his resignation as Treasurer of the Branch. On the motion of the President, a cordial vote of thanks was given to Dr. Ronald for his services as Treasurer during the preceding two years, and Dr. Ferguson was appointed to the office.

Address.—Dr. Crawford Renton delivered an address on Abdominal Section for the Relief of Pain. Reference was made to the symptoms of disease and the indications for operation in affections of the peritoneum, stomach, liver, intestines, and ovaries. Dr. Renton went into special detail in describing the operations for tuberculosis of the peritonitis, perforated gastric ulcer, acute obstruction, and appendicitis. He illustrated his remarks by references to particular cases from the experience of which he had evolved the methods of treatment which he advocated. On the motion of Dr. Strachan, the hearty thanks of the meeting were given to Dr. Renton for his address.

NORTH OF IRELAND BRANCH.

The autumn meeting of this Branch was held at Belfast on October 17th, Professor J. W. Byers (and subsequently Dr. J. Singleton Darling), President, in the chair; forty-three members were present.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the spring meeting were read and confirmed.

New Members.—The Council reported that John Sidney Cargin, F.R.I.C., and James Barkley, L.R.C.P. & S.Ed., both of whom had been elected members.

Introduction of New President.—Dr. Byers then resigned the chair, and introduced the President for 1901-02, Dr. J. Singleton Darling (Lurgan).

Vote of Thanks to Retiring President.—Dr. St. George (Lisburn) proposed and Dr. Martin (Portrush) seconded a vote of thanks to Dr. Byers for his services in the chair for the past year; Dr. Byers replied.

President's Address.—The President read his address, which dealt with the proposed changes in the constitution of the Association, and with the dangers of delay in surgical practice.—Dr. Lindsay (Belfast) proposed and Dr. Stuart (Ballymena) seconded a vote of thanks to the President for his address. Dr. Darling replied.

Communications.—Dr. Brownrigg (Moira) read short notes of a case of hyperpyrexia in typhoid fever, which was discussed by Drs. Martin, Lindsay, Byers, Calwell, Robb, Haddern, and the President.—Dr. Calwell read for Dr. Rankin a paper on the Balneology of the Branch, which showed a balance of £134 4s. 5d.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH.

The autumn meeting of this Branch was held at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital on October 25th. The chair was taken by the President, Mr. J. P. Johnstone (Langport), and seventeen members and three visitors were present.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

An address was delivered by Mr. Charles Stonham, C.M.G., Senior Surgeon to the Westminster Hospital, and late Surgeon in charge of the Imperial Yeomanry Field Hospital in South Africa on Some Surgical Experiences at the War.

Vote of Thanks.—On the motion of Mr. Riogden (Taunton), seconded by Mr. Sydenham (Dulverton), a vote of thanks to Mr. Stonham for his address was passed with enthusiasm.

Dinner.—In the evening the second annual West Somerset medical dinner was held at the London Hotel, Taunton, to which twenty-two local medical men and nine guests sat down. After dinner Mr. Stonham entertained the company with an account of some incidents on his march in South Africa, illustrated by some eighty limelight views.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.

The eightieth quarterly meeting of this Branch was held at Sandown on October 18th; Dr. Cowper, President, in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The late Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas.—A vote of sympathy and condolence was passed with the widow of the late Secretary, Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel J. B. Thomas.

New Members.—Two new members were elected.

Paper.—Dr. Castle (Newport, I.W.) read a paper on mastoiditis following scarlet fever. A discussion ensued, in which all the members present took part.

BRITISH GUIANA BRANCH.

A special meeting of this Branch was held at the Public Hospital, Georgetown, on August 25th, Dr. F. H. Edmonds, President, in the chair. Fourteen members and several guests attended.

Recent Researches on Malaria.—The meeting was especially convened to hear a paper by Dr. G. C. Low, of the London School of Tropical Medicine, on Some Points on the Recent Researches on Malarial Fever, and he fully described the recent discoveries on that subject. The President proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Low for his most interesting paper, which, being seconded by Dr. J. E. Godfrey, Acting Surgeon-General, was enthusiastically passed.

The meeting then terminated, but it is intended to publish Dr. Low's paper for the benefit of those members who were unable to be present.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

PARIS.

Académie des Sciences: Simultaneous Occurrence of First Cases of Malaria with Appearance of Anopheles.—Académie d'Médecine: A Case of Blackwater Fever in Algeria.—Parliamentary Report by Public Health Commission on Measures to Arrest the Progress of Tuberculosis.—Analysis of the Air of the Metropolitan Railway.—Small-Pox Statistics.

At a recent meeting of the Académie des Sciences M. Billet made an interesting communication on the simultaneous appearance of the Anopheles and the first cases of malaria in the district of Constantine in Algeria. Following the indications given by M. Laveran, M. Billet carefully watched for the appearance of the first mosquitoes in certain number of localities, which were notoriously malarial, in the neighbourhood. He began to collect and receive specimens of the Anopheles from June 16th to 21st, and from June 26th to July 10th soldiers stationed in these very districts were admitted into the military hospital at Constantine suffering from malaria. These different cases were, without exception, patients affected with their first attack of malaria, being young soldiers fresh from France, joining the corps in November, 1900. Moreover, in all of them the examination