

DAWSON, W. E., L.R.C.P.I., has been appointed Admiralty Surgeon to Walton-on-Naze.

DOBB, JAMES, L.R.C.P., L.M., L.R.C.S. Edin., has been appointed Medical Officer of Health for the Golbourne Urban Sanitary District.

EVANS, W. C., L.R.C.P., L.M., L.R.C.S. Edin., L.F.P.S. Glasg., has been appointed Medical Officer for the First Sanitary District of the Hawarden Union.

FEWEN, C. M., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., and Diploma in State Medicine, has been appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Ampthill Rural District Council.

GODDARD, C. E., L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S., has been appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Wembley Urban District Council.

GOULD, J. E., M.D. Lond., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., D.P.H. Camb., has been appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Chesterfield Town Council.

GREENHALGH, T., L.R.C.P., L.M. Irel., M.R.C.S., has been appointed Medical Officer for the Fylingdales Sanitary District of the Whitby Union.

HALL, S. H., M.B., C.M. Edin., has been appointed Medical Officer for the Fusehill and Harryby Hill Workhouses of the Carlisle Union, vice C. S. Hall.

HALLIGAN, A. M. I., L.R.C.P., L.M. Irel., has been appointed Medical Officer for the Ballyroan Dispensary District of the Abbeyleix Union.

HARCOURT, GEORGE R., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer at the Lambeth Infirmary.

HARVEY, R. J., L.R.C.P., L.M., L.R.C.S. Irel., has been appointed Assistant Surgeon to the Richmond Hospital, Dublin.

HEAD, JOHN H., B.A., M.D., B.Ch., B.A.O. has been appointed House Surgeon to the Morpeth Dispensary.

JENKINS, J. H., L.R.C.P. Edin., M.R.C.S., D.P.H. Camb., has been appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Lytham Urban District Council.

JOHNSTON, G. JAMESON, M.A., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., has been appointed Assistant Surgeon to the Richmond Hospital, Dublin.

LAW, W. G., F.R.C.S. Eng., has been appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Nottingham and Midland Eye Infirmary, vice E. Beckett Truman, resigned.

LINDE, T., M.D., C.M. Edin., has been appointed Medical Officer for the No. 5 Sanitary District of the Westbury-on-Severn Union.

LOUDON, M. M., M.D., M.Ch., L.M.R.C.P. Irel., has been appointed Public Vaccinator for the Arundel District of the East Preston Union.

MACDONALD, J. A., M.B., C.M. Glasg., has been appointed Medical Officer for the Denton District of the Grantham Out-relief Union.

MCINTOSH, L. M., M.D. Dubl., B.Ch., has been appointed Surgeon to the Blackpool Hospital, vice F. A. Heslop, deceased.

MACINTYRE, H., M.B., M.S. Glasg., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Shoreditch Infirmary.

MINTER, L. J., M.D. Brux., L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S., has been appointed Medical Officer for the Workhouse of the Uxbridge Union.

MONKS, E. HODKINSON, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. & L.M. Edin., has been appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan, vice W. C. Barnish, deceased.

ORCHARD, E. R., M.B., M.S. Aberd., has been appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Kingussie and Irish Parish Council.

OSBORN, E. C., L.R.C.P. Lond., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer for the Workhouse and Infirmary of the Parish of Kensington, vice Cooper, resigned.

PEARSE, R. E. F., L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S., has been reappointed House Surgeon to the Jagersfontein Hospital, Orange Free State, South Africa.

REILLY, F. B., L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S., has been appointed Medical Officer of Health for the Billinge Urban Sanitary District.

ROBERTS, A. H., L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S., has been appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Malling Rural District Council.

ROBERTS, E. B., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Edin., L.F.P.S. Glasg., has been appointed Medical Officer for the No. 1A Sanitary District and the Workhouse of the Hawarden Union.

ROBERTS, F. H., L.R.C.P. Lond., M.R.C.S., has been appointed Medical Officer of Health for the Llandrindod Wells Urban Sanitary District.

SHAW, HAROLD, B.A., M.B. Camb., D.P.H., has been appointed Medical Superintendent of the County Asylum of the Isle of Wight.

SPURRELL, CHARLES, F.R.C.S., L.M., L.R.C.P. Lond., has been appointed Medical Superintendent for the Poplar and Stepney District Sick Asylum, vice W. H. Pearce.

STEVENS, R. C. J., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., has been appointed Assistant House Surgeon to the Devon and Exeter Hospital, vice H. H. Lloyd Patch, resigned.

SYLVESTER, K. F., L.R.C.P., L.M., M.R.C.S., has been appointed Medical Officer for the Workhouse of the Melksham Union, vice G. M. Sylvester.

FIGURS, C. R. C., M.R.C.S., has been appointed Medical Officer for the No. 5 Sanitary District of the St. Columb Major Union, vice N. A. Norway, resigned.

## Vacancies.

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

ABERDEEN CITY HOSPITAL.—Resident Physician at the City (Infectious Diseases) Hospital. Salary £50 per annum with board and residence at the hospital. Applications to the Town Clerk, Town House, Aberdeen.

BELGRAVE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, 77, Gloucester-street, London, S.W.—House Surgeon. Board, fuel, and lights provided.

BETHLEM HOSPITAL, London.—Two Resident Clinical Assistants.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND EYE HOSPITAL.—Assistant House Surgeon. Salary £50 per annum, with apartments and board.

CARMARTHENSHIRE INFIRMARY.—Resident Medical Officer, unmarried. Salary £100 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing.

CARNARVONSHIRE JOINT SANITARY COMMITTEE.—Medical Officer of Health for five years. Salary £694 per annum.

CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—House Surgeon, tenable for two years. Salary £100 per annum.

CLAYTON HOSPITAL AND WAKEFIELD GENERAL DISPENSARY.—Junior House Surgeon, unmarried. Honorarium, £40 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Applications to the Hon. Secretary, Clayton Hospital, Wakefield.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF NEWPORT.—Medical Officer or Health for the Borough and the Port Sanitary District for five years. The salaries amount together to £350. Applications to the Town Clerk.

DURHAM COUNTY ASYLUM.—Junior Medical Officer. Salary £100 per annum, with board and lodging. Applications to the Superintendent, Winterton, Ferryhill.

DURHAM COUNTY HOSPITAL.—House Surgeon. Salary £100 a year, with board and lodging. Applications to the Hon. Sec., 16, Souths Bailey, Durham.

ESSEX AND COLCHESTER HOSPITAL.—House Surgeon, single or widower without a family. Salary, £80 per annum, with board and lodging; in the hospital. Applications to the Secretary.

JAFFRAY SUBURBAN BRANCH OF THE GENERAL HOSPITAL, Gravelly Hill, near Birmingham.—Resident Medical and Surgical Officer. Salary £150 per annum, with board, residence, and washing.

LONDON HOSPITAL, Whitechapel, E.—Medical Electrician.

NEW HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Euston-road, London.—Medical Woman as Clinical Assistant in the Out-patient Department.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S LYING-IN HOSPITAL, Marylebone-road, London, N.W.—Resident Medical Officer, for four months. Salary at the rate of £60 per annum, with board and residence.

ROTHERHAM HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—Assistant House Surgeon. Board, lodging, and washing provided.

ROYAL ORTHOPÆDIC HOSPITAL, 297, Oxford-street, London, W.—Resident House Surgeon. Salary £100 per annum, with partial board.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL AND COLLEGE.—Assistant Demonstrator of Chemistry.

SOUTH DEVON AND EAST CORNWALL HOSPITAL, Plymouth.—House Surgeon. Salary £100, with board and residence.

SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL.—Assistant House Surgeon, unmarried. Salary not exceeding £30 per annum, with board, washing, and residence in the hospital. Applications to the Secretary, Brighton.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith-road, W.—House Surgeon for six months. Board and lodging provided.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

### BIRTHS.

SHERWOOD.—On the 4th inst., at Eastbourne, the wife of A. P. Sherwood, M.D., of a daughter.

WADHAM.—At Strathfield, Sydney, N.S.W., the wife of Frederick Wadham, F.R.C.S., of a daughter.

### MARRIAGES.

BUTLER-SMITH.—On Sept. 5th, at St. Mark's, Surbiton, by the Venerable Archdeacon Burney, assisted by the Rev. R. H. Pring, Charles Butler, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., youngest son of the late William Eldridge Butler, late of Le Court, Hants, to Alice Barbara, youngest daughter of the late John George Smith, of Hill House, Surbiton.

DAWES-POVEL.—On Wednesday, Sept. 4th, at St. Edward's Roman Catholic Church, Victoria-park, Manchester, by the Rev. T. Croskell, B.A., Mr. J. W. Dawes, M.B., son of Mr. W. J. Dawes, M.R.C.S., of Longton, Staff., to Marie, second daughter of Anthony Povel, Esq., of Manchester. At home third and fourth week in October. No cards.

HARCOURT-ELLISON.—On Sept. 7th, at Martin Chico, Carmelo, Uruguay, Richard Eugene Harcourt, M.D. Irel., to Mary Duncan, only daughter of John Ellison, Stoneleigh, Anfield, Liverpool.

JOYNSON-PARKINS.—On Sept. 10th, at St. Mark's, Hamilton-terrace, Northwich, Gerald George Joynson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond., of Witton House, to Gertrude, younger daughter of Mr. Parkins, Boundary-road, South Hampstead, N.W.

### DEATHS.

BURTON.—On Sept. 6th, at Lichfield-street, Burton-on-Trent, Leonard William Burton, M.R.C.S., second son of Frederic Burton, of Knatchbull-road, S.E., aged 36.

GROSVENOR.—On Sept. 9th, at 9, Greville-place, Maida-vale, London, Elizabeth, the beloved wife of William Grosvenor, L.R.C.P., &c., late of Hanley, co. Staffordshire, and second daughter of the late Daniel Wilshaw, of Talk o' th' Hill, Staffordshire, aged 60.

HODGES.—On Sept. 7th, at Leicester, Frank H. Hodges, F.R.C.S., Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Leicester Infirmary. Friends are requested to accept this intimation.

ROBERTSON.—On Sept. 7th, James D. Robertson, M.D., of the Friarage, Penrith, aged 54.

STEDMAN.—On Sept. 2nd, at The Lawns, Wellington, Shropshire, John Francis Stedman, M.D. Glasg., aged 78 years.

STEVENSON.—On Aug. 29th, at Whitby, from accidental drowning, Harold Thomas Stevenson, elder son of Thomas Stevenson, M.D., F.R.C.P., of Sandhurst Lodge, Gresham-road, S.W.

WHITNEY.—On Sept. 9th, at Bessborough-gardens, Westminster, formerly of Great College-street, William Underwood Whitney, M.R.C.S.E., aged 82.

WRIGHT.—On Sept. 4th, at Shipston-on-Stour, William Wright, M.D. Edin., eldest son of the late Edward Welchman Wright, M.D., of Shipston-on-Stour, aged 72.

N.B.—A fee of 5s. is charged for the insertion of Notices of Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

## METEOROLOGICAL READINGS.

(Taken daily at 8.30 a.m. by Steward's Instruments.)

THE LANCET Office, Sept. 12th, 1895.

Date.	Barometer reduced to Sea Level and 32° F.	Direction of Wind.	Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.	Solar Radiation in Vacuo.	Maximum Temp. Shade.	Min. Temp.	Rain-fall.	Remarks at 8.30 A.M.
Sept. 6	30.09	S.	67	64	102	75	62	...	Hazy
" 7	29.96	S.W.	64	64	113	80	62	1.53	Raining
" 8	30.24	S.E.	68	61	109	75	60	...	Fine
" 9	30.14	S.E.	63	60	112	81	58	...	Foggy
" 10	29.89	S.W.	67	64	110	75	63	0.09	Cloudy
" 11	29.76	S.W.	61	57	106	68	56	...	Fine
" 12	30.03	S.W.	57	54	82	63	52	0.04	Cloudy

## Notes, Short Comments, and Answers to Correspondents.

## EDITORIAL NOTICE.

It is most important that communications relating to the Editorial business of THE LANCET should be addressed *exclusively* "TO THE EDITORS," and not in any case to any gentleman who may be supposed to be connected with the Editorial staff. It is urgently necessary that attention be given to this notice.

*It is especially requested that early intelligence of local events having a medical interest, or which it is desirable to bring under the notice of the profession, may be sent direct to this Office.*

*Lectures, original articles, and reports should be written on one side only of the paper.*

*Letters, whether intended for insertion or for private information, must be authenticated by the names and addresses of their writers, not necessarily for publication.*

*We cannot prescribe or recommend practitioners.*

*Local papers containing reports or news paragraphs should be marked and addressed "To the Sub-Editor."*

*Letters relating to the publication, sale, and advertising departments of THE LANCET should be addressed "To the Manager."*

*We cannot undertake to return MSS. not used.*

## MANAGER'S NOTICE.

## "THE LANCET" AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE.

A LITHOGRAPHED CIRCULAR LETTER, emanating from an office in the Strand district, is being sent to members of the medical profession, offering to supply them with THE LANCET, in conjunction with an accident insurance policy. The Proprietors of THE LANCET are in no way connected with the scheme (of which they cannot approve), and were not aware of its inception until their attention was called to it by a reader who had received the circular.

## PRINCIPALS' CLAIMS TO FEES PAID TO ASSISTANTS.

To the Editors of THE LANCET.

SIRS,—A is an out-door assistant and lives a hundred yards from his principal, B. At 10 P.M., two hours after A has left B's premises and is in retirement and in his dressing-gown, he hears a horse furiously gallop past his door, and knowing it has bolted hurriedly gets up and finds a horse at a standstill a few yards from his door, and a trap smashed all to bits. Learning there have been people thrown out, A hurries on as he is and sends a boy for his cap, thinking the occupants of the trap may be only a few yards from him, but has to go into the country half a mile. There he finds a woman, unknown to him, partly conscious, suffering from injuries to the head, and, receiving the help of another carriage, superintends her removal home and sees her in bed. He asks who is her medical attendant *en route*, and is told that her brother authorises him to call in his principal, B. B has not attended her for some years, but arrives, and B and A minister to her wants. A sees her next morning, but B visits her till her death, which takes place twenty-two hours after the accident from concussion. A gives evidence on citation, and receives the usual fee, which B appropriates, and which A feels aggrieved. A holds that as he went out, as any

ordinary Christian would, to render assistance, irrespectively of anyone found injured being anyone's patient, he is entitled to the fee. B holds otherwise. Both B and A would be much gratified by having your opinion.

Sept. 9th, 1895.

I am, Sirs, yours faithfully,

JUS CIVILE.

\* \* The case is somewhat exceptional. A acted as "any ordinary Christian" *should*—but not, certainly, as all ordinary Christians *do*—act. And for doing so he has his reward. But that is not exactly in the fees paid by the coroner. These have to be disposed of on professional principles. In so far as he was acting medically he was acting for his principal. The patient's friends wished the principal to be sent for, and doubtless would have sent for him had A not acted with so much prompt humanity as he showed. The case is somewhat out of the ordinary run of cases and one of those in which the fees should be shared equally between the principal and the assistant.—ED. L.

A. and X.—Judging from the statement before us—of course only a one-sided statement—we should say that X has much reason to complain of A's conduct. Let us dismiss one or two questions. The fact that A has only one qualification does not in any way affect X's duty or rights. Again, the question of "covering" does not arise. That offence exists only when an unregistered person is protected by one on the Register. What redress, then, has X? His legal claim to damages is rendered doubtful from the fact that the agreement is only that between an ordinary assistant and his principal, presumably binding him not to practise. But the cards and the plate implying partnership remove the case from an ordinary one of assistant and principal, and give strong colour to X's claim to be regarded otherwise. We could not willingly recommend his setting up in opposition to A if the contract forbids such a course; but in the absence of any such stipulation, and supposing the statement before us to be a complete and unbiased version of the facts, and A to refuse all compensation, we should not think it unreasonable for him to threaten A with commencing practice, subject to a lawyer's approval of the course.

Medicus.—Our correspondent does not give sufficient particulars for us to form an opinion on the *legal* responsibility of the principal. Did the illness arise during the term of service? What were the terms of the engagement between the assistant and the principal? But whatever the legal aspects of the question, no right-minded principal would fail to see that an assistant contracting fever in his service had a great claim on his consideration.

A Poor but Observant Student has not enclosed his name. We do not answer anonymous questions.

Portion of Slate Pencil in the Ear.—Our correspondent is strongly urged to consult a medical man.

## PAYMENT OF ASSISTANTS IN ILLNESS.

To the Editors of THE LANCET.

SIRS,—Will you kindly advise me as to what is the proper thing to do in the following case? My assistant takes scarlat fever immediately on returning from his holiday. I will allow he caught it from one of his patients. He has been away for six weeks, and never done a stroke of work during that time. Is he legally entitled to his full salary during this period? He is leaving me, and has written to say he will not return.

I am, Sirs, yours faithfully,

Sept. 7th, 1895.

E. SEATON COCKELL.

\* \* The question proposed seems to be one as to the effect of an agreement, and the answer would largely depend upon its terms. But if, as probably is the case, the agreement provides that the service can only be terminated by notice on either side, and contains no provision as to the suspension of salary in case of incapacity from illness, then it would probably be held that the assistant was entitled to payment of his salary throughout the period of illness; but if he takes advantage of his position to break his agreement by discharging himself without proper notice, he would probably be held to have waived his claim to salary accruing due after the date of his becoming incapacitated.—ED. L.

M.A., M.B.—We cannot give an absolutely definite answer on the information before us. A, we suppose, has a perfect right to seek election, as we take it the post is thrown open by advertisement, and we see nothing in the facts before us to enable us to assume that B, because he has been on the out-patient staff, has any absolute right to be transferred to the in-patient, though as a matter of courtesy he naturally would be. But the contention of A that B cannot hold the post of in-patient *physician* because he has previously been *surgeon*, or rather medical officer to the out-patients, cannot be supported.

Mr. T. C. Maguire.—We never prescribe. The class of people mentioned is to be avoided.