

## THE STRUTHERS TESTIMONIAL.

*To the Editors of THE LANCET.*

SIRS,—Will you kindly allow me in your next issue to call the attention of old pupils and friends of Professor John Struthers to the fact that the list of subscriptions towards the testimonial will very soon be closed? I send you herewith a list of those who have already subscribed, and shall be obliged if you will give it publicity.<sup>1</sup>

A general meeting of subscribers will be held at 16, Cavendish-square, W., the residence of Sir Andrew Clark, Bart., chairman of the committee, on Saturday, Dec. 20th, at 8 30 P.M., of which due notice will be sent. At this meeting will be decided the form that the testimonial will take, and I shall be glad to receive any further subscriptions.

I am, Sirs, yours faithfully,

JAMES ANDERSON,

41, Wimpole-street, W., Dec. 2nd, 1890. Treasurer and Secretary.

## LIVERPOOL.

*(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)**The Mayor and the Hospitals.*

FOR some years past it has been customary for the newly elected Mayor to visit the Infirmary for Children on the Sunday after his election. It has also been the practice for him to attend the morning service at St. Barnabas' Church for many years past on the second Sunday of his year of office, when a sermon is preached and a collection made on behalf of the Royal Southern Hospital, which is near the church, and which the Mayor and those who are with him visit after the service. Both these customs have been duly observed this year by the newly elected Mayor (Major Morgan) Canon Diggle, who preached the sermon on behalf of the Royal Southern Hospital, happily observed that in its work it was divine as well as royal. He also remarked upon how little was done by persons under forty years of age on behalf of charitable institutions, and urged the cultivation of habits of self-denial upon young men, so that they might be enabled to do at least something towards the support of hospitals.

*The New Infirmary.*

Patients have been admitted into the new infirmary which was recently opened under such favourable auspices, but at present only a proportion of the beds are occupied, time being required to complete all the necessary arrangements before they can all be fully utilised. The contrast between the new and the old infirmary to those who have had to work in each is most striking. The accommodation for the resident staff, which in the old infirmary was most inadequate, is now ample, and all the facilities available for dressers and clinical clerks leave little to be desired. The new infirmary is a most valuable adjunct to the School of Medicine, which is only separated from it by a narrow street, limited to those pedestrians who come to the school or to the infirmary.

*Hospital Sunday and Saturday.*

The annual meeting of the supporters of Hospital Sunday and Saturday has shown a steady increase of late years. The amount awarded to the hospitals and dispensaries last year was little short of £10,000, the largest since 1874. Jan. 11th, 1891, will be the twenty-first anniversary here of Hospital Sunday, which will thus complete its majority in Liverpool. The first was held on Jan. 8th, 1871. So large is the work in connexion with these institutions that a permanent office will now be required, though the meetings will probably continue to be held at the Town Hall, the existing Mayor having always been the President of the Committee.

*The Forthcoming Assizes.*

The assizes for South-west Lancashire commence here tomorrow. Mr. Justice Cave will preside in the Crown Court, and the calendar is an unusually heavy one. Among other cases to be tried is what is known as the Bolton murder, in which the victim was a schoolmistress, and her body was not found for some days after that on which her death had taken place. This and other circumstances have invested the case with considerable interest, not only in the

neighbourhood of Bolton, but in the county. There are other cases of alleged murder and manslaughter, and others of more or less medico-legal interest.

Dec. 3rd.

## NORTHERN COUNTIES NOTES.

*(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)**The Newcastle Infirmary and Dr. Koch's Treatment.*

THE honorary staff of the Newcastle Infirmary have announced to the profession of the district that arrangements are being made for the employment of the lymph which has been placed at their disposal by Mr. J. V. W. Rutherford of this city for suitable and selected cases, and members of the profession will receive cards should they desire to witness the treatment on writing to the hon. house physician. No doubt the invitation of the staff will be largely responded to.

*The Vacant Coronership of North Northumberland.*

It is stated that under the Local Government Act it will devolve upon the County Council of Northumberland to appoint a coroner for the northern division of the county, in succession to the late Mr. G. E. Watson, in pursuance to a writ *de coronatore eligendo* to be issued by the Lord Chancellor, should the writ reach the clerk of the Council in time for the special meeting, which the chairman proposes to summon for Thursday, the 18th inst. I have not heard of any medical candidate being in the field. The election will be a far more simple process than when the freeholders had to be canvassed for their votes.

*Arcana Fairfaxiana; or "Ye Apothecarie: his Booke."*

It is expected that this very interesting antiquarian publication will be ready by Dec. 20th. The introduction by its editor, Mr. Geo. Weddell, will contain a history of the book from the time of Elizabeth to George III., and some interesting information has been gained showing how it passed out of the hands of the Fairfaxes into the possession of a distinguished family in the county of Durham. The entire volume is being reproduced in facsimile of the original handwriting, and as there will be no reissue, the original impressions are being destroyed as the book proceeds. Amongst the subscribers are many of the foreign Universities and State libraries.

Mr. Jeaffreson is about to commence a series of demonstrations at the Eye Infirmary, Newcastle. The course will be free to practitioners and students, and will utilise for their benefit the large amount of clinical cases afforded in the practice of the institution.

It is stated that the late Mr. George Angus, of Low Gosforth Hall, bequeathed by his will a considerable amount to local and other charities, including £150 to the Gateshead Children's Hospital, £150 to the Gateshead Dispensary, and £100 to the Newcastle-on-Tyne Dispensary and Newcastle Infirmary.

Newcastle-on-Tyne, Dec. 5th.

## SCOTLAND.

*(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)**Health of Edinburgh in October.*

DURING October 401 deaths were registered in Edinburgh, being 17·74 per 1000, an increase of 1·77 on the average for the same month during the last five years. To this number diseases of the chest contributed 109 cases, or 27·18 per cent. of the whole mortality; zymotic diseases 37 cases, or 9·22 per cent. of the whole. The cases of infectious disease reported were 282, including 99 of scarlatina, 79 of typhoid fever, 54 of diphtheria, and 50 cases of measles. The births registered were 569—280 males and 289 females.

*Public Baths in Edinburgh.*

A motion for the erection of additional public baths, to meet the increasing demand for them, was considered on Thursday by the Plans and Works Committee of the Town Council. Statistics were given showing that the number of persons taking advantage of the plunge baths had doubled within the last three years. The motion recommended

<sup>1</sup> The list will be found in our advertising columns, p. 65.—ED. L.