

LIVERPOOL STANLEY HOSPITAL.—Two Junior House Surgeons. Salary £70 and £80 per annum respectively.
 LONDON FEVER HOSPITAL, Islington, N.—Assistant Physician.
 MACCLESFIELD GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Junior House Surgeon. Salary £80 per annum, with board and residence.
 MANCHESTER, HULME DISPENSARY.—Honorary Physician and Honorary Surgeon.
 MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Director of Cancer Research Laboratory. Salary £300 per annum.
 NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.—Honorary Pathologist.
 NORWICH, CITY OF.—Assistant Medical Officer of Health. Salary £150 per annum, with rooms, board, and washing.
 NORWICH, NORFOLK AND NORWICH HOSPITAL.—Assistant House Surgeon for six months. Salary £20, with board, lodging, and washing.
 NOTTINGHAM GENERAL DISPENSARY.—Assistant Resident Surgeon, unmarried. Salary £160, with apartments, attendance, &c.
 ROCHDALE INFIRMARY.—Junior House Surgeon, unmarried. Salary £80 per annum, with board, residence, and laundry.
 ROYAL EAR HOSPITAL, Soho.—House Surgeon. Salary £40 per annum.
 ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn-road, W.C.—Female House Physician and Female House Surgeon. Board, lodging, and washing provided. Also Senior Obstetric Assistant. Salary £50 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Also Clinical Assistant to Ophthalmic Surgeon.
 ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, City-road, E.C.—Surgeon.
 ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.—Twelve Commissions.
 ST. HELENS, COUNTY BOROUGH OF.—Assistant Medical Officer of Health. Salary £250 per annum.
 SAMARITAN FREE HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Marylebone-road, N.W.—Two Medical Registrars.
 STOCKPORT INFIRMARY.—Junior House Surgeon. Salary £80 per annum, with board, washing, and residence.
 SWANSEA, COUNTY BOROUGH OF.—Medical Officer of Health. Salary £500 per annum.
 SWANSEA GENERAL AND EYE HOSPITAL.—House Physician. Salary £75 per annum, with board, washing, and attendance.
 THROAT HOSPITAL, Golden-square, W.—Resident House Surgeon. Salary £75 per annum, with board, residence, and laundry.
 TRANSVAAL MINERS' PHTHISIS SANATORIUM, Springkell, Modderfontein, near Johannesburg.—Medical Superintendent. Salary £1000 per annum, with furnished residence.
 WEST BROMWICH DISTRICT HOSPITAL.—Senior House Surgeon, unmarried. Salary £110 per annum, with board, residence, and washing.
 WESTERN GENERAL DISPENSARY, Marylebone-road, N.W.—Honorary Surgeon.
 WEST HAM AND EASTERN GENERAL HOSPITAL, Stratford, E.—House Surgeon. Salary £100 per annum. Also Junior House Physician. Salary £75 per annum.
 YORK DISPENSARY.—Resident Medical Officer, unmarried. Salary £130 per annum, with board, lodging, and attendance.

THE Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office, London, S.W., gives notice of vacancies as Certifying Surgeons under the Factory and Workshop Act at Clucross, in the county of Fife; at Clackmannan, in the county of Clackmannan; and at Buckfastleigh, in the county of Devon.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

ARMSTRONG.—On March 20th, at Singleton House, Monmouth, the wife of A. Keith Armstrong, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of a son.
 HILDESHEIM.—On March 23rd, at The Corner House, Northwood, the wife of O. Hildesheim, M.D., of a son.
 MACTIER.—On March 20th, at Queen's-gardens, St. Andrews, the wife of W. B. MacTier, M.B., of a son.
 MARTIN.—On March 19th, at Clifton Vale, Clifton, Bristol, the wife of R. Collins Martin, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

MACNAIR—PHORSON.—On March 28th, at North Bridge-street Presbyterian Church, Sunderland, David Macnair, M.B., Brunswick-terrace, Plymouth, to Winifred, only daughter of P. Phorson, Esq., of Glen Lea, Roker, and Brachead, Rothbury.

DEATHS.

MCMANUS.—On March 26th, at Mayo House, Spencer Park, Wandsworth Common, Leonard Strong McManus, M.D., aged 54 years.
 POWELL.—On March 23rd, at Calthorpe-road, Edgbaston, George William Powell, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., aged 49 years.
 POWELL.—On March 23rd, at Rangoon, Burma, from pneumonia, Lieutenant-Colonel Simpson Powell, M.D., R.A.M.C.
 SEDGWICK.—On March 21st, at Gloucester-terrace, Hyde Park, suddenly, Leonard William Sedgwick, M.D., aged 82 years.
 THREADGALE.—On March 19th, at London-road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Robert Easey Threadgale, M.D., aged 79 years.
 TYRRELL.—On March 22nd, at Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, Millbank, S.W., Major Arthur F. Tyrrell, R.A.M.C., aged 45 years.
 WEBB.—On March 24th, at Cley, Norfolk, Charles Frere Webb, M.D., F.R.C.S., aged 62 years.
 WILLAN.—On March 24th, 1911, at 23, Claremont-place, Newcastle-on-Tyne, from gastro-enteritis, Eleanor Constantine, infant daughter of R. J. and Dorothy E. Willan. No flowers.

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

Notes, Short Comments, and Answers to Correspondents.

QUESTION OF ASSISTANCE AT POST-MORTEM EXAMINATIONS.

BEFORE giving evidence in a case at Deptford coroner's court on Tuesday Mr. D. F. Burney, divisional surgeon of police, said: Before taking the oath I would like to make a protest against the annoyance and indignity to which the medical men of this district are subjected in making post-mortem examinations at this mortuary. Before making an autopsy in this case I was informed by the mortuary keeper that he had been forbidden by the Deptford Borough Council, his employers, to assist in even the most menial duties in an examination. I have performed post-mortem examinations in all parts of London during the past 15 years, but I have never yet experienced the annoyance and indignity to which I was subjected when making the examination in this case.

The Coroner: You received no assistance from the mortuary keeper?

The Doctor: None whatever. I take it that the doctor is not supposed to do the toilet of the dead. Up to the present case I have always had the assistance of the keeper. The members of the medical profession are not hewers of wood and drawers of water.

The Coroner: I quite sympathise with you in your difficulty. You have to make your examination and determine the cause of death in order to give it in evidence, and I consider that no obstacles should be placed in your way. In all the other districts the mortuary keeper gives his assistance in washing the body, &c., but the Deptford Borough Council has forbidden the present keeper to follow the custom in view of the fact that his predecessor met his death by blood poisoning, which he contracted from a corpse suffering from this malady. Substantial damages had been won by the widow, and the council had decided not to risk another such fatality. I should suggest that the medical men of the district should make a representation to the Deptford Council on this subject.

CAN A MEDICAL MAN REFUSE HIS SERVICES?

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—Will you kindly inform me through your valuable journal whether a registered medical practitioner is legally bound (although a fee is tendered) to give professional services when called on to do so?

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

March 17th, 1911.

INQUIRER.

* * We have answered our correspondent on p. 891.—ED. L.

A PLAGUE MASK.

Messrs. A. W. Gamage, Limited, have forwarded to the plague-stricken districts of Manchuria some plague masks made of oil silk and completely covering the face. A pad of absorbent wool placed between very fine gauze is inserted in the mask below the nostrils, and glazed metal cups protect the eyes. The absorbent wool is impregnated with a germicide, and the whole mask can be dipped into a germicide or an antiseptic before and after use.

"SCAMPED" VACCINATION.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—I wish to raise the question of inefficient vaccination. I am often asked by parents to vaccinate their children "in one place only," and I invariably refuse to be a party to what I consider a farce or a fraud. The consequence is they go to a neighbouring practitioner, who, I am informed, obliges them with one vesicle for one shilling. It would be interesting to know if this practice is widely spread, as it evidently operates greatly to the discredit of vaccination in the eyes of the public. At the age of three or four these children will be quite unprotected, but if they unfortunately contracted the disease they would be reckoned with the vaccinated. Better far do away with mock compulsion and let the objectors take the risks they are willing to face, while the profession protects all those who believe in efficient vaccination and revaccination.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

Hoxton, March 24th, 1911.

HENRY GEO. DIXON.

FILTERED TOBACCO SMOKE.

ONE of the neatest devices which we have seen for automatically filtering tobacco smoke before it reaches the mouth is in some cigarettes recently forwarded to us by Mr. Louis Coen, of 316, Vauxhall Bridge-road, Victoria, London, S.W. In the mouthpiece, which is a short piece of cylindrical card, is stretched a linen sieve the interstices of which are fine enough not only to arrest sandy and dusty particles, but oils also. There can be little doubt that in this way certain contributory causes of irritation to the respiratory membranes are removed. The cigarettes are supplied containing either Dubec or Virginia tobacco.

B.—(1) Only secondhand booksellers of experience could give a price on the book mentioned for certain. Our own experience is that very few old medical books of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries fetch more than a few shillings; if they are in any way imperfect they are worth nothing at all. (2) No one except a qualified medical man can commit the offence technically known as "covering," and we are unable to find anything in the by-laws submitted to us to indicate that it is the medical men who are sanctioning or authorising the employment of quacks. The question of certificates hardly seems to us to bear our correspondent's interpretation. The provision of medicines and the furnishing with certificates are so linked with attendance that if the member does not come under the surgeon's care, or forsakes it for that of unqualified persons, it can no longer be possible for the surgeon to certify truthfully as to what he must perforce be ignorant of. That no provision is made for certificates from unqualified persons recognised by the society is the society's look out, certainly not the surgeon's.

Mr. W. Mayner.—It will have to be proved that the two boroughs in question suffer more than the rest of the country before we can very well publish such an indictment upon them. Evidence of excessive dust or of excessive danger to the inhabitants should be supplied in detailed form and well supported.

COMMUNICATIONS not noticed in our present issue will receive attention in our next.

A DIARY OF CONGRESSES.

WE shall publish this diary from time to time that our readers may have under their hands the dates of the approaching scientific Congresses. It is unnecessary to issue the lists of all these functions week by week, and we propose to make only such gatherings as will occur in the immediate future the subject of regular announcement. The following Congresses, Conferences, and Exhibitions are announced for April, 1911:—

- April 18th-28th (Tunis).—Exhibition of Hygiene.
 April-October.—Rome Exhibition (United Italy's Jubilee).
 April 4th-7th (London).—Fourth Annual Nursing and Midwifery Conference and Exhibition.
 „ 18th-20th (Paris).—Third Congress of Physiotherapy of French-speaking Physicians.
 „ 18th (Berlin).—Tenth Congress of the German Orthopædic Surgery Society.
 „ 19th-22nd (Berlin).—German Surgical Congress. (Fortieth Annual Meeting).
 „ 19th-22nd (Wiesbaden).—Twenty-eighth German Congress of Internal Medicine.
 „ 20th-22nd (Groningen).—Thirteenth Nature and Medical Congress.
 „ 29th-Oct. 26th (Turin).—International Exhibition.

METEOROLOGICAL READINGS.

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

THE LANCET Office, March 29th, 1911.

Date.	Barometer reduced to Sea Level and 32° F.	Direction of Wind.	Rain fall.	Solar Radio in Vacuo.	Maximum Temp. Shade.	Min. Temp.	Wet Bulb.	Dry Bulb.	Remarks.
Mar. 23	30.02	N.E.	0.02	59	51	42	46	46	Raining
„ 24	30.02	E.	0.09	79	49	39	40	42	Cloudy
„ 25	30.01	N.E.	...	91	41	34	33	34	Snowing
„ 26	30.04	N.E.	...	78	44	34	35	37	Overcast
„ 27	29.83	N.E.	0.04	54	41	34	38	39	Raining
„ 28	29.85	E.	0.09	93	55	37	39	40	Fine
„ 29	29.85	E.	...	70	51	40	43	43	Overcast

The following journals, magazines, &c., have been received:—
 Tidsskrift for den Norske Laegeforening, Dominion Medical Monthly, Revue Mensuelle de Gynécologie, d'Obstétrique et de Pédiatrie, Bulletin de l'Association Française par l'Étude du Cancer, Canadian Practitioner, Canadian Medical Association Journal, Archiv für Experimentelle Pathologie und Pharmakologie, Archives of Internal Medicine, Union Magazine, l'Intermédiaire, Le Souvenir, La France Médico-Thermale, Revue d'Hygiène et de Police Sanitaire, Revue de Psychiatrie et de Psychologie Expérimentale, Rangoon Gazette, St. Mary's Hospital Gazette, Hygiene (Offizielle Monatsschrift der Internationalen Hygiene-Ausstellung, Dresden, 1911), Vita e Malattie, Rivista Neuropatologica, Mercy and Truth, Bulletin de l'Académie de Médecine, Revue Clinique d'Andrologie et de Gynécologie, L'Hygiène, Yale Medical Journal, Queensland Education Journal, Annals of Tropical Medicine and Parasitology, Australasian Medical Gazette, Cleveland Medical Journal, University of Pennsylvania Medical Bulletin, The Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease.

Medical Diary for the ensuing Week.

SOCIETIES.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE, 15, Cavendish-square, W (temporary address during building of new house).

TUESDAY.

PATHOLOGICAL SECTION (Hon. Secretaries—C. Bolton, J. C. G. Ledingham), at University College Hospital Medical School Gower-street, W.C.: at 8.30 P.M.

Laboratory Meeting:

- Dr. F. H. Thiele: Infantile Goitre in a Litter of Puppies.
 Dr. T. R. Elliott: (1) Case of Multiple Gummatous Neuritis; (2) The Development of the Suprarenal Glands in Children.
 Mr. H. Morrison Davies: The Pathological Changes in the First Rib Cartilages and their Relation to Apical Phthisis.
 Dr. C. Bolton: Acute Extending Ulcer of the Stomach.
 Dr. A. G. Levy: Fibrillation of the Ventricles.
 Mr. G. E. O. Williams: Cerebral Fat Embolism.
 Dr. Otto May: Specimens Illustrating the Regeneration of Axones of Divided Nerves.
 Dr. F. J. Poynton and Dr. A. Paine: Specimens Illustrating the Experimental Production of Non-suppurative Osteo-arthritis.
 Mr. A. C. Stevenson: Protozoan Parasites of the Mouse.

WEDNESDAY.

SECTION OF BALNEOLOGY AND CLIMATOLOGY (Hon. Secretaries—F. A. de T. Mouillot, A. Manuel): at 5.30 P.M.

Paper:

- Dr. David Brown (Harrogate): Some Pharmacological Effects of the Strong Sulphur Water (Harrogate).

THURSDAY.

OBSTETRICAL AND GYNÆCOLOGICAL SECTION (Hon. Secretaries—G. F. Blacker, J. H. Targett), at 11, Chandos-street, W.: at 8 P.M.

Specimens:

- Dr. Arthur E. Giles: Hydatid of Uterus.
 Dr. R. H. Paramore: Diffuse Fibroma of the Ovary which has Undergone Central Degeneration with Extravasation of Blood.
 Dr. G. Blacker: Dermoid Cyst Obstructing Delivery, removed during Labour.

Short Communications:

- Mr. J. Malcolm: Case of Ovarian Tumour Obstructing Delivery and Fixed by Suction in the Pelvis.
 Mr. H. J. Paterson: Case of Suppurating Ovarian Cyst in a Girl aged Ten Years.

Papers:

- Mr. E. Hey Groves: A New Operation for the Radical Treatment of Flat Pelvis.
 Dr. Victor Bonney: Five Cases of Utriculoplasty for Uterine Hæmorrhage, One of which was Followed by Pregnancy and Labour.

FRIDAY.

LARYNGOLOGICAL SECTION (Hon. Secretaries—L. Hemington Pegler, W. H. Kelson), at 11, Chandos-street, W.: at 5 P.M.

- Mr. Herbert Tilley: (1) Pedunculated Growth on an Elongated Uvula; (2) An Improved form of Hay's Pharyngoscope.
 Dr. L. H. Pegler: Case of Functional Aphonia in a Boy.
 Mr. Walter Howarth: Case of Chronic Laryngitis.
 And other cases and specimens.

RÖNTGEN SOCIETY, King's College, Strand.

THURSDAY.—8.15 P.M., Prof. C. G. Barkla: Secondary Rays.—Prof. Wilson: An Improvement in High Tension Discharge Apparatus.

NORTH-EAST LONDON CLINICAL SOCIETY, Prince of Wales's Hospital, Tottenham, N.

THURSDAY.—4.15 P.M., Dr. A. H. Pirie: The Diagnosis of Obscure Conditions in the Chest, with Special Reference to New Growth, Aneurysm, and Enlarged Glands.

CHILD STUDY SOCIETY, LONDON, 90, Buckingham-Palace-road, S.W.

THURSDAY.—7.30 P.M., Dr. A. R. Abelson: The Measurement of the Intelligence, with Special Reference to Mentally Defective Children.

LECTURES, ADDRESSES, DEMONSTRATIONS, &c.

MEDICAL GRADUATES' COLLEGE AND POLYCLINIC, 22, Chancery-street, W.C.

MONDAY.—4 P.M., Mr. W. Fox: Clinique (Skin). 5.15 P.M., Lecture:—Dr. N. Tirard: Tropic Lesions in Diabetes.

TUESDAY.—4 P.M., Dr. H. Mackenzie: Clinique (Medical). 5.15 P.M., Lecture:—Dr. F. J. Poynton: Abdominal Emergencies from the Standpoint of the Physician.

WEDNESDAY.—4 P.M., Mr. J. M. G. Swainson: Clinique (Surgical). 5.15 P.M., Lecture:—Dr. R. Maguire: Emphysema and its Consequences.

THURSDAY.—4 P.M., Dr. L. Williams: Clinique (Medical). 5.15 P.M., Lecture:—Dr. U. Pritchard: The Treatment of Middle Ear Suppuration.

FRIDAY.—4 P.M., Mr. K. Campbell: Clinique (Eye).

POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, West London Hospital, Hammersmith-road, W.

MONDAY.—10 A.M., Dr. Simson: Diseases of Women. 2 P.M., Medical and Surgical Clinics. X Rays. Operations. 2.30 P.M., Mr. Dunn: Diseases of the Eye.