

**NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, ROYAL VICTORIA INFIRMARY.**—Resident Medical Officer. Salary £200 per annum, with board and residence.

**NORWICH, NORFOLK AND NORWICH HOSPITAL.**—House Surgeon. Salary £80 per annum. Also Casualty Officer for six months. Salary £50 per annum. Each with board, lodging, and washing. Both unmarried.

**NOTTINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.**—Assistant House Physician. Salary £100 per annum, with board, residence, and laundry.

**OLDHAM ROYAL INFIRMARY.**—Third House Surgeon for six months. Salary at rate of £80 per annum, with residence, board, and laundry.

**PADDINGTON GREEN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, London, W.**—House Physician and House Surgeon for six months. Salary in each case at rate of £52 10s. per annum, with board and residence. Also Honorary Surgeon to Out-patients.

**PARIS, HERTFORD BRITISH HOSPITAL.**—Resident Medical Officer, unmarried. Salary £100 per annum, with board, lodging, and laundry.

**PLYMOUTH, SOUTH DEVON AND EAST CORNWALL HOSPITAL.**—House Surgeon. Salary £100 per annum, with board, residence, and washing.

**POPLAR (BOROUGH OF) DISPENSARY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CONSUMPTION, Alexandra House, 135, Bow-road, E.**—Tuberculosis Officer. Salary £500 per annum.

**POPLAR HOSPITAL FOR ACCIDENTS, Poplar, E.**—Assistant House Surgeon for six months. Salary at rate of £80 per annum, with board and residence.

**PRESTWICH, COUNTY ASYLUM, Manchester.**—Assistant Medical Officer, unmarried. Salary £150 per annum, increasing to £350, with board, apartments, and washing.

**PRESTWICH UNION INFIRMARY, Charlestown-road, Blackley.**—Second Assistant Medical Officer. Salary £100 per annum, with apartments, &c.

**PRINCE OF WALES'S GENERAL HOSPITAL, Tottenham, N.**—Senior House Physician. Salary £75 per annum. Senior House Surgeon. Salary £75 per annum. Junior House Physician. Salary £50 per annum. Junior House Surgeon. Salary £50 per annum. All for six months, with residence, board, and laundry.

**ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL, S.W.**—Assistant Surgeon.

**ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, London, W.**—Junior Casualty House Surgeon for six months. Salary £100 per annum, with board and lodging.

**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, BOROUGH OF.**—Assistant Medical Officer of Health and Assistant School Medical Officer. Salary £250 per annum.

**STAFFORD, COTON HILL LUNATIC HOSPITAL.**—Assistant Medical Officer, unmarried. Salary £160 per annum, with residence, board, and laundry.

**STAMFORD HILL AND STOKE NEWINGTON DISPENSARY.**—Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Salary £100 per annum, with board and apartments.

**STOKE-ON-TRENT COUNTY BOROUGH EDUCATION COMMITTEE.**—School Medical Inspector (female). Salary £250 per annum.

**TOTTENHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.**—Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer. Salary £600 per annum.

**TRURO, ROYAL CORNWALL INFIRMARY.**—House Surgeon, unmarried. Salary £100 per annum, with rooms, board, and washing.

**VENTNOR, ROYAL NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST ON THE SEPARATE PRINCIPLE.**—Assistant Resident Medical Officer, unmarried. Salary £100 per annum, with board, lodging, &c.

**WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith-road, W.**—Surgeon.

**WINSLEY SANATORIUM FOR CONSUMPTIVES, Winsley, near Bath.**—Resident Medical Officer, unmarried. Salary £300 per annum, with board and lodging.

**WORCESTER COUNTY AND CITY ASYLUM, Powick.**—Junior Assistant Medical Officer, unmarried. Salary £160 per annum, with board, apartments, washing, and attendance.

**YORK, HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, Bootham Park.**—Resident Medical Superintendent.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

### BIRTHS.

**CAMPBELL.**—On Oct. 8th, at The Copse, Larbert, Stirlingshire, the wife of Robert B. Campbell, M.D., M.R.C.P., of a son.

**FOTHERGILL.**—On Oct. 2nd, at Hensol, Chorley Wood, Herts, the wife (*née* Gell) of Dr. Claud F. Fothergill, of a daughter.

**GOODING.**—On Oct. 3rd, at Ashton Lodge, South Norwood, Edith, the wife of Simonds Gooding, M.D., M.A. Cantab., of a son.

### MARRIAGES.

**MATTHEWS—TAPLIN.**—On Sept. 28th, at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, Edgar William Matthews, M.B., to Dorothy, youngest daughter of Robert Taplin, of Wimbledon.

**ROOKE—MOORE.**—On Oct. 8th, at the Parish Church, Chipping Barnet, Alfred Basil Rooke, F.R.C.S., to Stella, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Richardson Moore, of Chipping Barnet.

**WATKINS—COMBER.**—On Oct. 3rd, at Shrewsbury, Bernard Vincent Watkins, M.B., &c., of Whitechurch, Salop, youngest son of the late John Webb Watkins, M.D., of Newton-le-Willows, to Maud Eleanor, elder daughter of Edward Comber, of Whitechurch.

**WHITEFORD KERR.**—On Sept. 28th, at All Saints, Kensington Park, James Whiteford, M.D., to Helen Morrison Kerr, elder daughter of the late George Harper, Esq.

### DEATHS.

**BETTS.**—On Oct. 6th, Edward George Betts, M.R.C.S., of Cavendish square, W.

**CROWLEY.**—On Oct. 5th, at "Lyndhurst," Thames Ditton, Deputy Surgeon General T. J. Crowley, R.N.

**LOW.**—On Oct. 8th, at his residence, Heath Bank, Blackheath-rise, S.E., after a few days' illness, Frank Harrison Low, M.B., aged 58 years.

*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.

### THE MEDICAL SOCIETY AND DR. LETTSOM.

Few persons, even among those who know London fairly well, are aware that in Bolt-court off Fleet-street, midway between Fetter-lane and Farringdon-street, there still exists the house in which Dr. J. Coakley Lettsom lived and practised, and in which he settled the Medical Society of London in the year 1787. In Bolt-court, too, and contemporary with Lettsom, lived Samuel Johnson. His house was pulled down and on its site has been erected a school of photo-engraving and lithography by the County Council. In a recently published account of "Fleet Street in Seven Centuries" Mr. Walter G. Bell writes:—

Nothing of note is left of Bolt Court save No. 3. This picturesque eighteenth-century building is quite unspoilt. It was the residence of Dr. John Coakley Lettsom, who in 1787 settled the Medical Society of London there. In 1790 he gave the house, which was his freehold, to the council; his other benefactions to the Society, of which he was a founder in 1773, and three times president, included funds and a library of books. The Society remained there until 1850, and one of the treasured possessions at their present premises in Chandos-street, Cavendish-square, is a painting by Medley of a meeting of the council in Bolt Court, at which Dr. Lettsom, a tall spare figure, is presenting the title deeds. The canvas contains twenty-two portraits of medical men.

It is interesting to recall that Medley was the maternal grandfather of the late Sir Henry Thompson, eminent alike as a painter and surgeon. Mr. Bell adds:—

The Medical Society of London has enrolled in its ranks all the distinguished physicians in the capital for upwards of a century, and honours the memory of its most illustrious founder by the Lettsomian Lectures delivered in its theatre. It still owns the old house in Bolt Court. Over the entrance is the Society's emblematic tablet, placed there by Lettsom himself. A ribbon bears the name. The central figure, standing in front of a pyramid, is the Isis of Sais, the revealer of the secrets of Nature, who presided over medicine; having discovered the virtues of healing plants, she is said to have invented it. The Sphinx and the coiled serpent on either side of her represent Eternity. Within the circle beneath is an inscription in worn Greek capitals which translated reads: "I am whatever is, or has been, or will be, and no mortal has hitherto drawn aside my veil."

### THE TREATMENT OF RINGWORM.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—Those of us who have spent a period of residence in a children's hospital like myself, and who have had to treat ringworm, must feel how vexatious and trying is this external parasitical complaint. Mr. H. Aldersmith, I suppose the greatest living expert on the subject, must have tried every known remedy, from acetic acid rubbed into the scalp down to the many other remedies that have been extolled and found wanting for the last three or more decades where especially the scalp has become generally affected. Dr. F. Taylor's work on Medicine recommends the remedy of X rays—"Sabouraud's pastilles." As each case wants to be treated on its own merits, may I, however, suggest a method of treating early isolated patches of ringworm. When I was learning children's diseases in a residential children's hospital I used to singe the partly shortened hair affected with lice. Of course, it was a radical cure, and especially fatal to "nits." But I extended the use of the "taper" to ringworm, and I found it very effective. Only too recently I have applied the barber's taper to the head of my gardener's child, who was becoming fractious after six weeks' absence from school. The result was quite satisfactory in three weeks. This sterilising method with an application of tincture of iodine should cure the majority of cases of ringworm in the early period. It is very simple and, not least, saving of time and money where the X rays are not to be had.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

Alton, Hants, Oct. 5th, 1912.

JOHN FREDK. BRISCOE.

### BECHUANALAND.

Mr. Barry May, Government Secretary, in a report on the Bechuanaland Protectorate for the year 1911-12, writes:—The year witnessed no event of any special interest or importance. The inadequacy of the rainfall, calamitous as it was, possessed this advantage—that it caused a marked decrease of malarial fever, which was very much less prevalent than in normal seasons. There was no epidemic of serious infectious or contagious disease, and the health of the people generally was, perhaps, better than usual. The Bechuanas are not, however, a race of much physical strength and vigour, and although they live in a climate which, except for the occurrence of malaria of