

- SAUNDERS, C. E., M.D., M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed Medical Officer of Health for the St. Albans Rural Sanitary District, vice the District Medical Officers whose appointments have expired.
- SMITH, C. J. H., M.B., M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A.L., has been appointed Medical Attendant to the Jewish Convalescent Home, South Norwood, vice Roberts, deceased.
- SWEETING, R. B., M.R.C.S.E. & L.M., L.S.A.L., has been appointed Medical Officer to the Basingstoke Union Workhouse, vice Webb, deceased.
- TANNER, C. K., M.D., C.M., L.R.C.S.I., L.K.Q.C.P.I., has been appointed an Assistant-Surgeon to the South Charitable Infirmary and County Hospital, Cork.
- TAPLIN, J. F., M.D., has been appointed a Medical Officer to the Birmingham and District Hearts of Oak Medical Association.
- TRAILL, J. W. H., A.M., M.B., C.M., F.L.S., has been appointed Professor of Botany at the University of Aberdeen, vice Dickie, resigned.
- VINRACE, J., M.D., M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A.L., has been appointed a Medical Officer to the Birmingham and District Hearts of Oak Medical Association.
- WARNER, Dr. F., has been appointed an Assistant-Physician to the East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell, vice Leftwich, resigned.
- WHITE, E., M.D., M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A.L., has been appointed a Medical Officer to the Birmingham and District Hearts of Oak Medical Association.
- WILLIAMS, E. H., L.R.C.P.Ed., M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed Resident Medical Officer to the Lewes Dispensary and Infirmary, vice Davis, resigned.
- WILLIAMS, W., M.D., has been appointed a Physician to the Stanley Hospital, Liverpool, vice Whittle, resigned.
- WORSLEY-BENISON, H. W. S., F.L.S., has been appointed Lecturer on Botany at Westminster Hospital, vice Holmes, resigned.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

### BIRTHS.

- BOTT.—On the 4th inst., at Stoke Newington, the wife of Charles Glen Bott, M.R.C.S.E., Assistant-Surgeon, Colonial Hospital, Georgetown, Demerara, of a son.
- CLARK.—On the 9th inst., at Cavendish-place, London, the wife of Andrew Clark, F.R.C.S., of a daughter.
- HARVEY.—On the 3rd inst., at Upper Merrion-street, Dublin, the wife of Reuben J. Harvey, M.D., of a son.
- LITTLEJOHN.—On the 2nd inst., at Royal Circus, Edinburgh, the wife of H. D. Littlejohn, M.D., of a daughter.
- MCDONALD.—On the 7th Feb., at Hamilton, Tasmania, the wife of Wallis McDonald, M.R.C.S. &c., of a daughter.
- ROGERS.—On the 31st ult., at Hanover-square, the wife of Joseph Rogers, M.R.C.S.E., of a son.
- SMITH.—On the 4th inst., at Coxwold, Easingwold, the wife of J. W. Smith, M.R.C.S.E., of a daughter.
- TAYLOR.—On the 5th inst., at Johnstone, Renfrewshire, the wife of M. H. Taylor, M.B., of a daughter.

### MARRIAGES.

- DAVIES—FELTOE.—On the 12th inst., at Holy Trinity Church, Kilburn, by the Vicar, the Rev. G. Despard, M.A., assisted by the Rev. W. Venables Williams, M.A., Vicar of Llandrillo-yn-Rhos, Dr. Thomas Davies, of Colwyn Bay, North Wales, to Sarah Ann Dutton (Lillie), eldest daughter of F. F. Feltoe, of Heworth House, Kilburn, and Albemarle-street, London.
- PHILPOT—NEEDHAM.—On the 5th inst., at St. Michael's, Chester-square, Joseph Henry Philpot, M.D., to Isaline, daughter of Joseph Needham, Esq.
- WILLS—GLOVER.—On the 4th inst., at St. Peter's Church, Dublin, by the Rev. S. R. Wills, M.A., Rector of Rathkeale, and the Rev. Canon Wills, M.A., Rector of Mallow (brothers of the bridegroom), Dr. Thomas M. Wills, F.R.C.S.I., of Bootle, Liverpool, to Lizzie Hannah, eldest daughter of the late Surgeon-Major Glover, H.M. Indian Army.

### DEATHS.

- CLOUTING.—On the 5th inst., at Shipdham, Norfolk, John Revett Clouting, M.R.C.S.E. & L.S.A., aged 62.
- CRUMPE.—On the 1st inst., at Tralee, Francis Crumpe, M.D.
- HAWKINS.—On the 4th inst., at Hunslet, Leeds, Henry Baillie Hawkins, M.R.C.S.E., aged 29.
- HAY.—On the 4th inst., at Bridport, Dorset, Mary, wife of William Henry Hay, M.D.
- HUGHES.—On the 4th inst., at Endon, William Frederick Hughes, M.R.C.S.E., aged 40.
- JEFFERSON.—On the 5th inst., at Hencotes, Hexham, Thomas Jefferson, Surgeon (in practice prior to 1815), aged 93.
- JERRARD.—On the 29th ult., at Honiton, John Clapcott Jerrard, M.R.C.S.E., aged 83.
- MARTIN.—On the 2nd inst., at The Limes, Walkden, Jane, the beloved wife of William Young Martin, F.R.C.S.Ed., in her 34th year.
- O'LEARY.—At sea, on the homeward passage from New Zealand, Louis J. O'Leary, L.R.C.S.I.
- PRICE.—On the 24th ult., at Glantwreh, Swansea Vale, William Price, M.R.C.S.E., aged 74.
- ROBB.—On the 31st ult., at Marlborough-road, Marylebone, Peter Robb, M.D., aged 69.
- RONALD.—On the 5th inst., at St. George's-road, Glasgow, James Ronald, Surgeon, formerly of the Hon. E.I.Co.'s Service, aged 80.
- THORNTON.—On the 4th inst., at Dewsbury, Peter Thornton, M.D., aged 76.
- WILLIAMS.—On the 9th ult., at Llansaintffraid, Conway, William Morgan Williams, L.R.C.P.Ed., aged 41.

[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 EX-EMPRESS CHARLOTTE.

WE have followed from time to time the successive phases of the mental malady of the widow of Maximilian, the ill-starred Emperor of Mexico; and the melancholy interest her case inspires seems rather to increase than to diminish. The first symptoms of her disorder were those of exaltation of consciousness, prompting her to write autograph letters to the Pope, to several of the crowned heads of Europe, and to her husband, of whose fate she was ignorant. Receiving no reply, she was the victim of the most anxious expectancy; and so importuned with questions the numerous visitors to the château of Laeken, where she resided, that she had to be removed to the château of Tervueren by the advice of Dr. Delhaye. There she calmed down; but, finding her stay compulsory, she made many attempts to escape. She did manage on one occasion to elude the vigilance of her attendants; but was overtaken and brought back to her apartments by showing before her at intervals the flowers of which she is passionately fond. She is now under the care of Dr. Bulkens, and employs her time in drawing and writing. For some time her husband's death was concealed from her; but when the news was at last broken to her, she received it with a firmness of nerve that surprised her relatives and attendants. During the period of emotional and intellectual exaltation, she became fat, even to *embonpoint*; and (interesting to note) in her calmer phase she lost flesh considerably. She is haunted by the fear that she will be poisoned. The Queen of the Belgians visits her twice a week, and at longer intervals her brothers, the King and the Count of Flanders. Her recovery is pronounced by her physicians to be hopeless; but the record of her case, which is kept, and will one day be published, will none the less be full of psychological and practical interest.

*Mr. Anderson.*—We never recommend a physician or surgeon.

### CASE OF ARM PRESENTATION REQUIRING THORACIC EMERTULCIA AND DISARTICULATION AT THE SHOULDER-JOINT.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—I was called by a midwife to attend Mrs. M—, aged thirty-eight, in her ninth confinement. I found the os well dilated, but high up, and the left arm of a large child presenting. The membranes had ruptured thirty-two hours previously. On attempting to turn, the right foot could just be felt very high up, but kept slipping from the fingers, and could not be brought down, because the uterus was very firmly contracted on the child, and the pains were very strong and frequent. The patient was then put under chloroform, and another attempt made to turn; but unfortunately dangerous symptoms appeared, and the inhalation had to be discontinued. When she recovered from the chloroform, the pains returned, and the uterus was as firmly contracted round the child as before. The cord, however, was felt, and was pulseless. As the patient, in spite of the strong pains, was in a state approaching exhaustion, no opiate was given; but, the child being dead, the scissors-shaped perforator (Smellie's) was passed into the thorax through the axillary space. Both in attempting to turn and using the perforator, manipulation was very difficult, because the vagina was contracted and the pelvis rather narrow, although none of the previous labours had required the forceps. The presenting arm was a great obstacle to the free use of the perforator, greatly limiting the extent of the opening in the thorax, and had to be removed by disarticulation at the shoulder-joint, which was effected by means of a probe-pointed bistoury. After perforation, turning was still very difficult, and it was feared might prove dangerous to the patient from the frequency and severity of the pains, so I made an attempt to perform cephalic version. Passing a blunt hook into the mouth, I steadied this with the left hand, and slipping the fingers of the right hand over the child's forehead towards the vertex, endeavoured to bring the head down; but from the position of the child's body across the uterus, it would not come into position. I then tried to pass the lower blade of Beatty's forceps round the head, guiding it with the fingers of my right hand; but the blade was too short, and the only effect was to displace the head higher above the pubes. This, however, gave me now room behind, and passing up my left hand towards the fundus, I grasped the right foot between my finger and thumb just as a pain was coming on, during which I held it. I was unable to reach the knee; but by force, applied as cautiously as circumstances would permit, I gradually brought down the foot till a tape was slipped round the heel. After this I gave the patient a short rest, and then completed the labour without any further difficulty. There was no hæmorrhage.

Dr. Ewing Whittle, who assisted me in the management of this case, from the experience of more than four thousand confinements, had previously met with only two cases of turning which required the use of the perforator.

Yours &c.,

Liverpool, April, 1877.

GLYNN WHITTLE, B.A., L.S.A.

*M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Ed.*—We agree in the opinion that if "the judgment of the Court" in cases of prosecution for illegal practice were widely known, unqualified men might be deterred from offending.

### A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—In your report of what I said in exhibiting my specimen of Aneurism of the Superior Mesenteric Artery at the Pathological Society, a somewhat serious error occurs. I am made to say that the patient was "at first refused admission" to the hospital. He was, on the contrary, urged to come in, but declined, at first, to do so. I shall be obliged if you will allow me to make this correction. Your obedient servant,

Hertford-street, May-fair, April 6th, 1877.

I. BURNBY YEO.