

capitation sum on the entire outlay of £22 14s. 10d., being £1 8s. per head more than last year. This increase has been due to the purchase of a large stock of clothing, and to the increase in the price of beef, bread, and potatoes. During the year, £633 19s. 3d. was obtained from paying patients. An addition to the medical staff was made last August, by the appointment of Dr. Gerald B. Wilson, as assistant medical officer.

OBITUARY.

ALEXANDER WOOD, M.D., F.R.S.E., F.R.C.P.E.

ANOTHER prominent member of the profession in Edinburgh, Dr. Alexander Wood, has this week been removed by death. He died on February 26th, after a brief illness. The deceased was the son of the late Dr. James Wood, of Edinburgh, was born in Edinburgh and educated there; he graduated M.D. in Edinburgh University in 1839, and in the subsequent year became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, of Edinburgh. He entered upon practice in Edinburgh with a very large measure of success. Owing, however, to the state of his health, he was compelled to relinquish this some years ago. In his earlier years he was closely associated with the late Sir James Y. Simpson in his memorable experiments with anaesthetics. To Dr. Wood the profession is indebted for the introduction of the hypodermic injection of drugs by the hollow needle-syringe. If there be any doubt as to his merit as the inventor of this method of medication, there can, at least, be none as to the important part he took in giving an impulse to hypodermic medication, which now forms so powerful a weapon in the armoury of practical medicine. In 1855, he published a paper on a "New Method of Treating Neuralgia by Subcutaneous Injection."

Dr. Wood was by nature a man of wide sympathies and of large views, and for many years he held a prominent place in various professional and public capacities. He was President of the Royal College of Physicians; he was for many years a member of the General Medical Council, and was assessor in the Edinburgh University Court for Mr. Gladstone during that statesman's term of office of Lord Rector of the University. As showing his interest in academic matters in regard to the profession, he published in 1868 his Harveian discourse, "Preliminary Education of the Medical Student." In 1854, Dr. Wood became a lecturer on practice of physic in the Extramural School, Edinburgh, and conducted courses of lectures for ten years. In sanitary matters he took a keen interest, and was a member of the Police Commission in Edinburgh, which body had not at that time merged in the Town Council, and which had important duties to perform in connection with public health. In 1860 he published a paper, "Vaccination As It Is, Was, and As It Ought To Be." In his earlier years, Dr. Wood gave the combative side of his nature free play in the warfare concerning Homoeopathy, and in 1844 published a keen exposition of that system in his *Homoeopathy Unmasked*. He was the author of a considerable number of papers in various medical journals, which showed the keenness of his powers of observation, and the ability of his reasoning power.

Apart from the professional side of his character, Dr. Wood was essentially public-spirited and philanthropic; he was a moving power in the "Edinburgh Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor," a society founded on sound principles, and which has done much to relieve the deserving poor without shattering their self-respect. He will long be remembered by the public and the profession of Edinburgh as a man whose commanding presence was sustained in a long public career by the energy of his character, by his active support of every measure he considered for the moral and social welfare of the people, and as one who, having determined on any course, followed it out determinedly to the end. By those who, in church and personal matters, were more conversant with him, he will be remembered as an earnest labourer, zealous of good works.

INGHAM HANBURY, L.R.C.S.I., FLEET-SURGEON R.N.

FLEET-SURGEON INGHAM HANBURY, C.B., R.N., of the troopship *Malabar*, died at Bombay on January 26th. Mr. Hanbury served as principal medical officer to the Royal Marine Battalion during the campaign in Egypt, and was present at most of the engagements of that campaign, being created a Companion of the Bath, and awarded the Egyptian medal, Alexandria clasp, and Khedive's bronze star. He entered the Navy on October 8th, 1861, as acting assistant-surgeon, in which capacity he was employed in the *Nile* throughout her commission as S.R. Alexander Milne's flagship on the North American and West Indian Station. On his return home in 1864, he did duty for twelve

months with the guardship *Cumberland* at Sheerness, and was then for five years (from April 1865) employed at San Juan, on the Pacific Station. Passing his examination for higher rank in 1870, he did duty under Dr. Davidson in the Plymouth Hospital, and was then appointed to the Chatham Division of Royal Marines, when he was under the present Inspector-General Robert Pottinger. He was promoted surgeon in October 1875, and then went with the *Narcissus* in her commission as the late Admiral Rowley Lambert's flagship in the Detached Squadron. His next service was as staff-surgeon in charge of the *Turquoise* corvette, throughout her commission in the Pacific, under Captains George Robinson and Medlycott. In January 1882, when he passed on to the list of fleet-surgeons, he was appointed to the Royal Marine Battalion on special service in Ireland, whence he accompanied it to Egypt.

EBENEZER SAMUEL SCOTT, M.B., C.M. Edin.

MR. EBENEZER SAMUEL SCOTT died at Shrewsbury on February 10th, at the early age of thirty-one. Mr. Scott graduated as M.B., C.M., in the University of Edinburgh in 1880; during his career at the university he took a medal in chemistry, and received, in addition, several class honours. He settled in Shrewsbury, and became one of the medical officers of the Shrewsbury Dispensary. He was a member of the British Medical Association, and was the Honorary Secretary of the Collective Investigation Local Committee. His death was felt as a loss to the profession by those who knew him best, and he was followed to the grave by nearly all the medical practitioners of the town in which he resided.

MEDICAL NEWS.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, February 21st, 1884.

Bailey, William Henry, Colney Heath Rectory, St. Alban's, Herts.
Becher, George John Dashwood, Endsleigh Street, Tavistock Square, W.C.
Brooks, Samuel John, Dlington Park, N.
Cooper, John Wilford, Hungerton, Grantham.
Eliot, Ernest Frederic, Aston Vicarage, Birmingham.
Gwynne, John Hickling, The Poplars, Cannock, Staffordshire.
Haydon, Hillyard William, Cholmeley Park House, Highgate, N.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

- The following vacancies are announced.
- BIRKENHEAD BOROUGH HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, 100*l.* per annum. Applications to the Chairman of the Weekly Board by March 3rd.
- CANCER HOSPITAL (Free), Brompton, S.W.—Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, 75*l.* per annum. Applications by March 17th.
- CANCER HOSPITAL (Free), Brompton, S.W.—Clinical Clerk and Dresser for six months. 20*l.* for the term. Applications by March 17th.
- CHORLTON UNION.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer at the Workhouse Hospitals, Withington, near Manchester. Salary, 120*l.* per annum. Applications by March 6th.
- ESSEX AND COLCHESTER GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Physician. Applications by March 19th.
- GENERAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Pendlebury, Manchester.—Junior Resident Medical Officer. Salary, 80*l.* per annum. Applications to the Chairman of the Medical Board by March 5th.
- GLASGOW HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY FOR DISEASES OF THE EAR, Buchanan Street.—Aural Surgeon and Lecturer. Applications to A. Sutherland, Esq., by March 5th.
- HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Soho Square, W.—Assistant-Physician and Assistant-Surgeon. Applications by March 1st.
- HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Soho Square, W.—Administrator of Anaesthetics. Honorarium, 20 guineas. Applications by March 8th.
- ISLANDS OF SANDAY AND NORTH RONALDSHAY, Orkney.—Medical Officer. Salary, 60*l.* per annum. Applications by March 5th.
- JERSEY GENERAL DISPENSARY.—Medical Officer. Salary, 120*l.* per annum. Applications by May 1st.
- KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL.—Physician. Applications by March 22nd.
- MARTLEY UNION.—District Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator. Salary, 55*l.* per annum. Applications to Mr. A. W. Knott, Solicitor, 14, Foregate Street, Worcester, by March 13th.
- MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, Jarrow-on-Tyne.—Resident Surgeon. Salary, 150*l.* per annum. Applications by March 5th.
- PARISH OF METHVEN, N.B.—Medical Officer. Salary, 40*l.* per annum. Applications to the Inspector of Poor by March 3rd.
- ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND WOMEN, Waterloo Bridge Road, S.E.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, 70*l.* per annum. Applications by March 10th.
- SALFORD AND PENDLETON ROYAL HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—District Surgeon. Salary, 80*l.* per annum. Applications by March 10th.