OBSTETRIC HOSPITALS AND TREATMENT BY MIDWIVES.

THE DEADLOCK AT THE LIVERPOOL LYING-IN HOSPITAL.

A MAJORITY of the members of the Ladies' Committee of the Lying-in Hospital have made known the fact that they do not support the Board of Management in their contention with the medical staff, and that on May 22nd the Ladies' Committee passed certain resolutions, which, if acted upon, would, they believe, have led to a satisfactory settlement, but which were not confirmed by the Board of Management. On the other hand the Board of Management made a proposal to the late medical staff and to the Medical Institution to the effect that the whole question should be submitted to the arbitration of the Lord Mayor of Liverpool (the Earl of Derby). Both the staff and the Medical Institution declined to accede to this proposal on the ground that the existing difference involved a question of principle with regard to which no modification of views was possible. The staff further felt that communication with the Board was attended with difficulty after the resolution which accused the medical profession of "wanton cruelty" and of being "utterly regardless of common humanity;" and also because it was questionable whether the Board any longer represented the wishes of the majority of the subscribers to the charity.

The result is that the Board have decided to call a special meeting of the subscribers at an early date, when the future conduct of the charity will be considered.

GRANTS FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

THE Council of the British Medical Association desire to remind members of the profession engaged in researches for the advancement of medicine and the allied sciences that they are prepared to receive applications for grants in aid of such research. Applications for sums to be granted at the next annual meeting must be made on or before June 15th in writing addressed to the General Secretary, at the office of the Association, 429, Strand, W.C. Applications must include details of the precise character and objects of the research which is proposed.

Reports of work done by the assistance of Association grants belong to the Association.

Instruments purchased by means of grants must be returned to the General Secretary on the conclusion of the research in furtherance of which the grant was made.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary*.

429, Strand, London, May 19th, 1896.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

COUNCIL.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Room of the Association, at No. 429, Strand (corner of Agar Street), London, on Thursday next, June 18th, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary*.

June 9th, 1896.

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 1896.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

MEETINGS of the Council will be held on July 8th and October 21st, 1896. Candidates for election by the Council of the Association must send in their forms of application to the General Secretary not later than twenty-one days before each meeting—namely, June 18th and October 1st, 1896.

Any qualified medical practitioner, not disqualified by any by-law of the Association, who shall be recommended as eligible by any three members, may be elected a member by the Council or by any recognised Branch Council.

Candidates seeking election by a Branch Council should apply to the Secretary of the Branch. No members can be elected by a Branch Council unless their names have been inserted in the circular summoning the meeting at which they seek election.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary*.

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at Limmer's Hotel, George Street, Hanover Square, on Tuesday, June 23rd, at 6 P.M. After the ordinary business, an address will be delivered by Mr. H. T. Butlin, President-elect. The annual dinner will be held at 7 o'clock, price 7s. 6d., exclusive of wine.—ANDREW CLARK, ISAMBAR OWEN, *Honorary Secretaries*.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.—A special general meeting of this Branch will be held at the rooms of the Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, on Friday, June 26th, at 5 P.M. Business: To discuss the Midwives Bill drafted by the Parliamentary Bills Committee as amended by the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch.—ANDREW CLARK, ISAMBAR OWEN, *Honorary Secretaries*.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: EAST LONDON AND SOUTH-ESSEX DISTRICT.—The annual meeting for the election of officers will be held at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, on Wednesday, June 17th, at 6 P.M. At 6.15 the members and their friends will dine together. The chair will be taken by Dr. St. Clair B. Shadwell. Morning dress. Tickets, 7s. 6d. Members intending to be present at the dinner are requested to communicate to the Honorary Secretary as early as possible, but not later than Monday, June 15th.—HERBERT E. POWELL, *Honorary Secretary*, Glenarm House, Upper Clapton, N.E.

EAST ANGLIAN AND CAMBRIDGE AND HUNTINGDON BRANCHES.—The annual meeting will be held at Dersingham, Norfolk, on Thursday, June 18th, 1896. 11.30 A.M. Meeting of Council of East Anglian Branch. 12 noon. Meeting of East Anglian Branch for business. Business: Report of Council of Branch. Treasurer's report. Report of result of election of officers. The President will call attention to the "battle of the clubs" at Lincoln, and will move a resolution. Communications from the Council of the British Medical Association re the formation of an ethical committee: Dr. Elliston will move a resolution. Re medical defence; Mr. H. E. Rowell will move a resolution. 12.45 P.M. Meeting of Cambridge and Huntingdon Branch for business. 1.30 P.M. Luncheon, by invitation of Dr. Alan Reeve Manby, President-elect. 2.30 P.M. Combined meeting of East Anglian and Cambridge and Huntingdon Branches. Introduction of new President by retiring President. Address by the President. Sir Peter Eade: Modern Progress in Medicine. Dr. Latham: On the Treatment of Anæmia and Chlorosis. Mr. T. E. Morse: Three cases of Ruptured Gastric Ulcer treated by Abdominal Section and washing out of the Abdominal Cavity. Dr. Joseph Griffiths (Cambridge): Spontaneous Fracture of Tibia in Locomotor Ataxy. Dr. Aymard (Ipswich) will demonstrate his new Milk Steriliser, and read a short paper upon the Sterilisation of Milk. By the kind permission of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the park and grounds of Sandringham will be open for admission to members and their ladies on production of their visiting cards.—EDGAR G. BARNES, M.D., Eye; M. BEVERLEY, M.D., Norwich; T. CARR, M.D., Braintree; J. GRIFFITHS, M.D., F.R.C.S., Cambridge.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Town Hall, Maidstone, on Friday, June 19th, at 1.45 P.M. Dr. Hoar (President-elect) invites members of the Branch and their friends to lunch at his house (near the South-Eastern Railway Station) from 12.30 to 2 P.M. Dinner at the Mitre Hotel, 5.45 P.M. Charge, 7s.—T. JENNER VERRALL, *Honorary Secretary*, 97, Montpellier Road, Brighton.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held in the Board Room of the Medical School, Leeds, on Wednesday, June 17th, at 3.30 P.M., when the following business will be transacted and papers read:—The President (Mr. Atkinson) will read an address; the report of the Council will be read; three representatives of the Branch on the Council of the Association and two on the Parliamentary Bills Committee will be elected; election of officers and council for 1896-97; report of subcommittee; recommendation of the General Council that each Branch shall form an ethical committee; Midwives Registration Bill. Specimens and papers:—Dr. Barrs (Leeds) will show (a) Case of Osteoarthropathy of Pulmonary Origin; (b) two cases (sisters) of Primary Muscular Dystrophy (peroneal type); Dr. Hellier (Leeds) will show some Pathological Specimens. Dr. Johnstone Campbell (Bradford): Sections of Pulmonary Growth, with secondary nodule in Spinal Canal. Mr. Simeon Snell (Sheffield): (a) On certain apparently Organic Tumours of the Orbit which disappear under medical treatment; (b) Notes on a case of Traumatic Enophthalmus (photograph). Mr. Littlewood (Leeds): Notes on a case of Perforating Gastric Ulcer successfully treated by Abdominal Section. Dr. Braithwaite (Leeds): Cancer commencing in the Transitional Epithelium of the Cervix Uteri. Dr. Clapham (Rotherham): Out-patient Treatment of Insanity. The members of the Branch and medical friends will dine at the Queen's Hotel at 6.30. Tickets (exclusive of wine) 6s. each. It would be a great convenience if the members who intend dining would communicate with Dr. Chadwick, 29, Park Square, Leeds, before the day of the meeting.—ADOLPH BRONNER, *Honorary Secretary* (pro tem.), 33, Manor Row, Bradford.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at Buckingham on June 18th. Agenda: Minutes of last autumnal meeting. Report of Committee of Management, comprising report of Subcommittee on hospital abuses (to be printed and circulated amongst the members of the Branch); appointment of Ethical Committee; report on Midwives' Registration Bill (printed and circulated through Northamptonshire district); and on the Bill of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the Association for the Registration of Midwifery Nurses; question of medical defence. Proposal of new members: Frank