

Mr. S. BIGNOLD would not have risen but for a call from the chair, to propose a toast. He had great pleasure at the same time in expressing his happiness in being present at this meeting. He had been requested to propose the health of a high municipal officer, who had shown his readiness to come forward on all public occasions, which it was his duty and privilege to do. Mr. Bignold had much pleasure in proposing the health of "The Right Worshipful the Mayor," for the spirited manner in which he sustained the duties of his office, and he would couple with the Mayor "The Corporation of Norwich."

The MAYOR, in acknowledgment, said he could scarcely find words to express his feelings for the high compliment. He felt that to be the proudest moment of his life, and he considered it to be a proud day for the city of Norwich to have had such a meeting of the medical profession. If he could only do his duty towards the citizens of Norwich, it was all he could expect. He wished all present health and happiness.

At this period, with that military precision and command which had marked the whole proceedings, the President finding that the allowed time was expired, was compelled abruptly to retire, and the national air being called for, he left the room attended by a majority of the company, many of whom were just in time to leave the city by mail train for London. Another Chairman was chosen to conduct through some of the remaining toasts that had been necessarily left, and particularly the health of Dr. Ranking, the reader of the Retrospective Address, on which account it was stated that he was entitled to earlier attention and not less so for his excellent half year's "Abstract of the Medical Sciences," which was pronounced to reflect great credit on the Association, of which he proved himself so distinguished and deserving a member.

THE MEDICAL REGISTRATION BILL.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1846.

Sir George Grey begged, before the next order of the day was read, to ask the honourable member for Finsbury what course he intended to take with respect to the Medical Registration Bill. A good many representations had reached him on the subject; a great many of them were of a character extremely favourable to the Bill; and it was stated that the measure would confer a valuable boon on the profession; but, at the same time, some intimations of a different kind had also reached him, and from parties whose opinions were deserving of respect from the position they occupied. His (Sir George Grey's.) own opinion was, that the principle of the Bill was a good one, but it was necessary to examine further the details of the measure. What he would ask the honourable gentleman to do was, to let the Bill stand over to next session, and any assistance which it was in his (Sir George Grey's.) power to give, in removing objections to the Bill, he should be ready to afford. The details of the Bill he thought required several alterations. Even some of the parties favourable to the measure wished to have amendments they suggested made in some of its clauses; and at this period of the session he would remind the hon. gentleman that they could not ensure that satisfactory consideration of the

Bill to which the parties interested were justly entitled.

Mr. Wakley felt, that after the statement of the right hon. gentleman, he had, in fact, in the present state of the session and of the house, no choice but to postpone the measure. From the representations that had been made generally throughout the profession, it appeared that it was in the highest degree a popular Bill, and that the opposition to it proceeded only from a few quarters, and in fact from individuals connected with medical corporations, who never would be satisfied with any system of medical reform worth anything to the profession or to the public that could be proposed in that house. He (Mr. Wakley) consented, after the very handsome promise of assistance from the right hon. baronet, to defer the Bill to next session of Parliament, pledging himself to introduce it, or a measure resembling it, at the beginning of the session, if he should have the honour of possessing a seat in the house at that time.—*Morning Chronicle*.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Gentlemen admitted Members on Friday, August 21st, 1846:—C. Tipple; S. Sprigge; T. Macartney; T. M. Ward; H. Beckwith; N. G. English; G. Annis; J. J. O'Dowd; P. F. L. N. De la Rue; J. Conan; I. Lodge.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted Licentiates, Thursday, August 13th:—Daniel Edward Hamilton; George Cheesman, Southampton; Henry Winterbottom, Manchester; Frederick Fawsett, Wisbech.

Gentlemen admitted Licentiates, Thursday, August 20th:—Matthew Ledger, London; Charles Edward Verling Goate, Calcutta; Frederick Augustus Kingdon, Exeter; William Sedgwick Saunders, Royal Navy.

THE BENEVOLENT FUND.

The Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund has received, through Dr. Bull, of Hereford, a donation of three pounds from the late Herefordshire Medical Association.

OBITUARY.

Died, August 12th, aged 72, C. D. Nevinson, Esq., M.D.

August 13th, George Langstaff, Esq., Surgeon, well known as an eminent member of the profession.

August 17th, John Chevalier, Esq., M.D., of Aspell, Suffolk.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Dr. O. Roberts; Mr. E. Copman; Sir J. Fife; Mr. F. A. Bulley; and Mr. Cantrell.

Wellington, Somerset.—The Botanical name of the Matico plant is, *Artanthe elongata*, *Miguel*, Piper augustifolium, *Ruiz* and *Pavon*; its native country is South America.