

directed by his will should be offered, on reasonable terms, to the British Government, and if refused by them, to some foreign power. When its purchase was proposed to Mr. Pitt, he is reported to have said, "Buy preparations! I want money to buy gunpowder." This was explicable by a reference to the state of the times. It was then offered to the College of Physicians, and declined. That learned body had left off the study of anatomy; besides, they could not have borne the expense entailed by the museum. It was declined by the Royal Society, and went begging till it was gladly accepted by this College. In accepting it, this College was bound by certain conditions, one of which was to provide a catalogue. Mr. Lawrence then proceeded to show how those conditions had been fulfilled. He spoke of the high merits of Mr. Owen, on whom he affirmed the robe of Cuvier had descended. He alluded to the establishment of three studentships in human and comparative anatomy by the College, and to the demonstrations given in the theatre of the College, by Mr. John Quekett, "and yet" (said the orator) "we are to be abused by apothecaries—men who want to set up a Royal College—a Royal College of Apothecaries—who meet together, and, in vulgar broils, use language which would disgrace an election hustings." (Immense uproar and expressions of disapprobation, among which a gentleman exclaimed, "you are abusing and insulting your own body—the General Practitioners are members of your College.") "I am in no hurry, Mr. President," continued Mr. Lawrence, "when the geese have done, I will proceed." Mr. Lawrence alluded to the proposed constitution of the new College, in terms of unmeasured disapprobation, and he was again interrupted by hisses, cries of "Shame," "Hunter," "Question," &c. He then left the subject of medical politics, and proceeded to speak of the labours of Harvey and Hunter, Jenner and Baillie, Cheselden, Pott, and Abernethy, and gave the usual analysis of their labours. He at length concluded an oration of two hours' duration, of which fully one hour and a half were occupied by political topics, on which the orator's opinions were the very opposite to those of the great body he addressed.—*From the Medical Times.*

ROYAL COLLEGE OF CHEMISTRY.

His Royal Highness Prince Albert has recently visited the Royal College of Chemistry, where he was met by Professors Hoffman, Brande, and Taylor, and Mr. Benjamin Bond Cabbell. His Royal Highness inspected the laboratories, and examined the students as to the point they had reached in the systematic course of study adopted. He also witnessed a selection of interesting experiments, including Liebig's method of analyzing organic compounds. Being well acquainted with the present state of the science of chemistry, Prince Albert has, from the first projection of the College of Chemistry, afforded it his support, and on the occasion referred to presided at a meeting of the Council, at which Lords Palmerston, Hill, Newry and Morne, and Ebrington, Sir J. J. Guest, Sir James Clark, Hon. W. B. Baring, M.P., J. Denison, M.P., W. Ewart, M.P., and other gentlemen were present. The principal resolution passed at this meeting was

that the building of the laboratories be commenced forthwith. His Royal Highness then inspected the site for the laboratories and the plans of Mr. Lockyer, the architect, and expressed his approbation of all the arrangements for the establishment of the institution, presenting a second donation of £100 to the building fund.

MEDICAL INTELLIGENCE.

Sir Benjamin Brodie has resigned his office as a member of the Court of Examiners of the Royal College of Surgeons.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Gentlemen admitted Members on Friday, Feb. 20, 1846:—O. W. Higgs; T. C. Saley; D. Mahony; A. R. R. Prestow; R. Appleton; G. F. Burroughs; J. Bluck; J. S. Mitford; J. M. Sellors; J. C. Day.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted Licentiates, Thursday, February 12th:—William Home Popham, Cork; Thomas Atchison, Aylesbury; Charles John Farr, Saxmundham; William Bainbridge, Lincoln; Hector Helsham, London; Charles Shephard Lenton, London.

OBITUARY.

Died on the 12th instant, Sir Gorge Wm. Lefevre, M.D., late Physician to the British Embassy at St. Petersburg. Sir George Lefevre was well known to the profession as the author of several works, among others, "An Apology for the Nerves," and a brief essay on "Thermal Comfort." The Lumleian Lectures were delivered by him at the Royal College of Physicians, in the course of last year, and were subsequently published in the *Medical Gazette*.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Report on the Progress of Pathology, Practical Medicine, and Therapeutics, for the years 1842-3-4. By James Risdon Bennett, M.D., Assistant Physician and Lecturer on Materia Medica and Therapeutics at St. Thomas's Hospital. (From the *British and Foreign Medical Review*.) London. 1845. 8vo. pp. 66.

The Naturalist's Pocket Almanack for 1846. London: Van Voorst.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Mr. I. A. Franklin; Dr. G. C. Watson; Dr. Fife.

It is requested that all letters and communications be sent to Dr. Streeten, Foregate Street, Worcester. Parcels, and books for review, may be addressed to the Editor of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Journal, care of Mr. Churchill, Princess Street, Soho.