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bearing an honorary title should lay it down at once—an offering to the future benefit and honour of the profession of surgery, merge their rank again in the general mass, and leave to the *emeriti* alone a title which they can honourably bear. The writer of this will be ready to make the sacrifice, being only

AN HONORARY F.R.C.S.

To the Editor of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Journal.

SIR,—I am directed by the Committee to transmit you the enclosed copy of a memorial which has been forwarded for presentation to Sir George Grey, and to request you to insert it in the next number of your *Journal*.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

GEORGE BOWRING,

Manchester, Dec. 31, 1849.

Hon. Sec.

“To the Right Honorable Sir George Grey, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

“As Chairman of a Committee of members of the medical profession residing in Manchester and its neighbourhood, appointed at a public meeting to watch the progress of the Medical Reform question, I am directed respectfully to represent to you that a statement has appeared in the public journals to the effect that the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England are about to petition the Crown for the grant of a Charter that shall amend and rectify the anomalies and deficiencies of that conceded in 1843.

“The Manchester Committee having maturely considered this reported proceeding of the Council of the College in its bearing upon medical legislation would respectfully impress upon you the justice and expediency of withholding all recommendation to her Majesty in conformity with such petition, until the Fellows and Members at large have had the outlines of the proposed Charter submitted to them for examination and discussion.

“The Committee beg further to represent to you that the Charter of 1843 was granted without any such previous notification; that when published, after its concessions, a condemnation of its provisions, all but unanimous, came from the profession at large; and that this circumstance has constituted the great obstacle to all recent attempts at medical legislation.

“Finally, the Committee would express their conviction that the grant of a Charter to the College of Surgeons, which should bring the Institution into harmony with its members, who constitute the great majority of English practitioners, would remove all serious impediment to a satisfactory settlement of the question of Medical Reform.

“Signed on behalf of the Committee,

“W. WATSON BEEVER,

“Chairman.

“Manchester, December 1849.”

ON CHOLERA.

To the Editor of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Journal.

SIR,—Permit me to correct an erroneous opinion expressed by me in my letter to Dr. Strange that appeared in your last number, to the effect that those appointed by our Association to inquire into the subject had evinced “a leaning to the belief that cholera and diarrhoea are identical.” A reference to the Editorial article of September 5, shows that my impression was unfounded, and requires apology to yourself and your readers; for there the term cholera is distinctly limited to “that so frequently fatal form of the disease in which there are vomiting, purging, cramps, and ‘rice-water’ evacuations, and to that still more formidable state of collapse unaccompanied by these symptoms.”

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES W. BELL.

Manchester, Dec. 30, 1849.

Medical Intelligence.

THE SAMUEL COOPER TESTIMONIAL.

A general meeting of the subscribers, in furtherance of this object, was held on Wednesday, the 12th December, 1849, at the Thatched-house Tavern, in St. James-street; Colonel Wood, of Littleton, in the chair. The first resolution was moved by Mr. Erichsen, in a speech wherein a review was taken of the career of the late Professor Cooper, and a panegyric pronounced on his character, and terminating to the effect, “That a testimonial be established to record the esteem in which Professor Cooper was universally held for his honourable character and private worth; his distinguished acquirements and ability as a teacher; as well as for his invaluable services in the improvement and diffusion of surgical science.” This was seconded by Mr. Chippendale, and unanimously carried. Dr. Wood then moved, and Mr. Baker, of Staines, seconded the motion, “That a marble bust of the late Professor Cooper be executed; and that, should the funds permit, reduced copies of the bust, in Parian, be presented to each subscriber of one guinea and upwards. The place of deposit of the original bust to be deferred until it is executed.” (The latter clause, it afterwards transpired, was only introduced as a compromise at the last meeting of the committee, at which certain parties made their appearance for the first time, to oppose the placing of the bust in the Royal College of Surgeons, which locality had been previously determined upon by the committee as the most honourable.) Dr. Sieveking then proposed that the following gentlemen be nominated as a committee to carry the objects into effect, viz., Mr. Cadge, Dr. Camps, Mr. Chippendale, Dr. Croft, Dr. John Hall Davis, Mr. Erichsen, Mr. Durancé George, Mr. Howell Morgan, Dr. Richard Quain, Dr. Storrar, Dr. C. J. B. Williams, Colonel Wood; the treasurer, Mr. Hillman; and the

secretaries, Dr. Wood and Mr. Wailes, *ex officio*. Seconded by Dr. Powell, and carried. Dr. C. J. B. Williams, who just then arrived, proposed "That it be an instruction to the Committee to bear in view the placing of the bust in the Royal College of Surgeons." This being violently opposed by Dr. Storrar, was withdrawn, and Dr. Croft proposed, and Dr. Richard Quain seconded, "That on the completion of the bust, a general meeting of the subscribers be convened to determine where the monument be placed:" carried. Dr. Richard Quain moved, and Mr. Caver seconded, "That the treasurer and secretaries be requested to continue their offices:" carried. The chairman having left the chair, this was taken by Dr. C. J. B. Williams, on the request of those present, when it was moved by Dr. Camps, and seconded by Mr. Howell Morgan, "That the best thanks of the meeting be presented to Colonel Wood, for his courteous, able, and impartial conduct in the chair:" carried. Colonel Wood having returned thanks, the meeting separated. At a meeting of the committee, it was determined that the execution of the bust be entrusted to Mr. Butler, sculptor, of Middlesex-place, New-road, and the treasurer and secretaries, together with Mr. Chippendale and Dr. Richard Quain, were requested to make the necessary arrangements.

ACADEMY OF MEDICINE OF PARIS.

The Academy proceeded, on the 17th instant, to the election of office-bearers for the ensuing year. M. Bricheteau was elected president, and M. Orfila vice-president, and M. Gibert re-appointed annual secretary. Our readers are aware that M. Dubois (d'Amiens) is perpetual secretary.

SURGEON-DRUGGISTS AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

We are informed that among the members recently admitted Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons, is one who keeps a druggist's shop. We understand that the Fellowship was established in order to create a higher grade of surgeons. Either the shop or the Fellowship should be put down.—*Medical Gazette*.

HOMŒOPATHY AND THE CHOLERA.

In deference to the assertions and large claims of the advocates of homœopathy, and in consideration of the comparatively small success obtained over the mortality of cholera by any method of treatment, the administration of the hospitals Salpêtrière and St. Louis submitted a few cases to the homœopathic mode of practice, but the result did not warrant its continuance. The physicians report that *all* the cases proved fatal.—*L'Union Médicale*.

APPOINTMENT.

Dr. John Banks, Physician to the Whitworth Hospital, and to the Lord-Lieutenant, has been elected King's Professor of the Practice of Medicine at Dublin University, on the Foundation of Sir Patrick Dun.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted Members on Thursday, Dec. 20th, 1849:—William Arthur, St. Ives, Huntingdon; Henry Miles Cockerton, Rochford, Essex; John Horner, Lincoln; John Humphrey, Deal, Kent; Jackson Goodenough Kent, Hampton; Theodore Edward Ladd, Manchester; William James Moore, Halesowen, Shropshire; George Thomas William Mugliston, West Ham; William Darroch Pennington Swain, Westmoreland.

Gentlemen admitted Members on Thursday, Dec. 27th, 1849:—George Clarke, Bath; Edward Golledge Pitt, London; Charles William, Whitby; William Vaughan Jones, Festiniog, N. Wales.

OBITUARY.

December 13th, at Antigua, of yellow fever, Charles Dawsen, M.D., Surgeon to the 54th Regiment.

December 25th, John Lewis, Esq., Surgeon, formerly of Mark Lane.

BOOKS RECEIVED FOR REVIEW.

On the Operation for Strangulated Hernia. By Henry Hancock, F.R.C.S.E. London: John Churchill. 1850. 8vo, pp. 194.

Practical Suggestions for the Establishment of National Cemeteries. By G. A. Walker, Surgeon. London: Longman and Co., and J. Highley. 1849. Pamphlet.

The American Journal of the Medical Sciences.

On Stammering and its Treatment. By Bacc. Med. Oxon. London: John Churchill. 1850. 8vo, pp. 64.

PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

The Secretary presents his compliments to those members of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association whose Subscriptions remain in Arrear, and begs respectfully to call their attention to the following Law, which was passed unanimously at the Anniversary Meeting, held at Bath, in 1848:—

"If any Member's Subscription remain unpaid twelve months after it shall have become due, the *Medical Journal* and other publications of the Society shall be withheld from such Member till his arrears be paid."

He earnestly entreats all those gentlemen whose subscriptions are now in arrear, that they will cause them to be paid, either to himself, or to the Treasurer, Dr. Hastings, without further delay; or, if more convenient, to the Local Secretaries in their own District Branch.

Members who wish to propose Associates are reminded, that as the subscription commences the first of January, it is the most convenient time to introduce new members.

JAMES P. SHEPPARD,

Secretary to the Association.

Worcester, January 1, 1850.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Mr. Sloman, Mr. H. Terry, jun., Dr. Oke, and Dr. Davies.

It is requested that all letters and communications be sent to J. H. Walsh, Esq., Foregate Street, Worcester. Parcels and books for review may be addressed to the care of Mr. Churchill, Princes Street, Soho.