

Report of the Committee of the South-Eastern Branch to the general meeting at Guildford was approved by every member present excepting by Mr. Bottomley,) would concur with all that Dr. Webster had said on the subject, and which he has stated with so much spirit, vigour, and vivacity in the communication referred to.

I have the honour to remain, Gentlemen,

Your very faithful Servant,

THOMAS MARTIN.

Reigate, September 27, 1850.

Medical Intelligence.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

We understand that several committees have been appointed, for various purposes connected with the objects of this Society. A Council meeting was held on Wednesday night, at the residence of the President, which we are informed was well attended.—*Lancet*.

ASSISTANT-SURGEONS IN THE NAVY.

The naval intelligence in the *Times*, of the 25th instant, contains the following paragraph:—"The *Dragon* steam-frigate, Captain Giffard, remains at Spithead. The reason her assistant-surgeon has no cabin is, that the Admiralty have not ordered one to be constructed for him, and the Dockyard cannot build one without such orders. Captain Giffard has no influence in the matter. The Admiralty yielded submission so reluctantly to the justice of the case of the assistant-surgeons, that we are not surprised they retard the fulfilment of the order as much as possible.

POISONING BY SAVINE.

An inquest has been recently held, by Mr. Baker, in Kingsland, on the body of a married woman named Harriet Cole, aged 34, when the evidence proved that death had been caused by her taking a decoction of savine leaves, to procure abortion. The drug had been obtained from a herbalist, whom the summoning officer stated to be in the habit of selling it daily. The coroner remarked, that there was no law to prevent a person selling it; but he thought some steps should be taken to check its indiscriminate sale, as a person selling it might be liable to a verdict of manslaughter. The jury returned a verdict as follows:—"That the deceased died from inflammation of the bowels, caused by taking decoction of savine; and the jury cannot separate without expressing a strong opinion that great blame is attached to herbalists and others indiscriminately vending such articles."

THE MEDICAL PROFESSION v. ASSURANCE OFFICES.

At the Colchester County Court, held yesterday (Monday), Mr. S. A. Philbrick, surgeon, obtained a summons against Charles Whetham, Esq., one of the Directors of the National Provident Life Assurance Association, for the recovery of a guinea, as a remuneration for his professional services in supplying a medical certificate of the state of health of a party insuring his life, which the office refused to pay.—*Ipswich Express*, Sept. 17th.

APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. E. C. Hulme, a fellow by examination of the College of Surgeons of England, and formerly student in human and comparative anatomy to the College, has been appointed surgeon to the Blenheim Street Dispensary, in the room of Mr. T. M. Girdlestone, who has resigned.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted Members on Thursday, September 12th, 1850:—William Browne; Thomas Johnson, Weymouth; Benjamin Mallan; Wm. Smith Scholefield, Lartingham; Thomas Wheeler, Ulverstone.

OBITUARY.

August 30th, at Derby, William Baker, M.D., aged 60.

August 30th, at Falmouth, aged 67 years, John Marshall, M.D., for many years a surgeon in the Hon. E. India Company's Service, and late member of the Medical Board, Calcutta, and Physician-General of the Bengal Presidency.

September 18th, at Tiverton, Devon, Thomas Macmillan Fogo, Esq., M.D., late of the Royal Artillery.

Lately at Geneva, M. Prevost, in his 60th year.—At Labuan, in the Eastern Archipelago, from the effects of a sun-stroke, Dr. Wilson.

PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

Gentlemen who have not yet paid their subscriptions for the current year, or who are in arrears, are requested to forward the amount due either to the Secretary of the district in which they reside, or to the Treasurer or Secretary of the Association at Worcester.

The attention of Members is particularly requested to the following resolution, unanimously agreed to at the late Anniversary Meeting, held at Hull on the 7th and 8th of August, 1850:—

"But if any Member's subscription remain unpaid twelve months after it shall become due, the *Medical Journal*, and other publications of the Society, shall be withheld from such Member till his arrears be paid; and when any Member has been in arrears of subscription for the space of three years application shall be made for the same by the General Secretary, and if the arrears be not paid in three months the name of that Member shall be omitted from the list of Subscribers; but the omission shall not be deemed, either in honour or equity, as releasing any gentleman from the subscription owing during his Membership."

JAMES P. SHEPPARD.

Secretary.

Worcester, Sept. 17th, 1850.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Mr. King, Mr. Foster, Mr. Gall, Mr. Houghton, Mr. Humphry, Mr. Williams, Birmingham Pathological Society (two-communications), Mr. Reid, Mr. Blount, Dr. Russell, Dr. Neilson, and Mr. Green.