

ments, (public or private,) if only a small charge be made for each pupil. Should I be admitted to an audience of the Association at their next annual meeting, I think I shall be able to show them at how small a cost such an institution can be efficiently maintained, to afford a liberal education and liberal treatment, in addition to a sound, moral, and religious training.

If the Association were to raise money sufficient to build, and completely furnish, a school for a hundred resident pupils and masters, I do not think even then they could fix a less *inclusive* sum than £45 as the annual payment.

It will give me pleasure to afford the Association assistance in any way they may be pleased to accept. If under their patronage and control, *but at my risk*, I will consent that the terms at Tarvin Hall shall not exceed fifty guineas per annum, *all charges included*. If they think well to make the concern their own, I will use my utmost exertions to raise funds for that object, and will gladly conduct it for them as their salaried officer.

With a well-established and flourishing institution at present in my hands, I can have no other object in view in making these offers than the filling up of an educational gap that has long been observed, and by the profession at large admitted, to exist. Already much time has been lost, and many unavailing efforts have been attempted, I shall, therefore, at once make arrangements to receive some twenty or thirty additional pupils after the Midsummer vacation, to form the nucleus of a medical class, and have already secured the assistance of one professional gentleman for that purpose. My terms I forward herewith for insertion in your advertising columns, subject to the reductions under the conditions suggested above.

I am, Sir,

Your obliged and faithful servant,

JOHN BRINDLEY.

Medical Intelligence.

DINNER TO SIR C. M. CLARKE.

On Tuesday, May 27, about 160 medical men attended the dinner at Willis's Rooms, given by them to Sir Charles M. Clarke, in testimony of their respect and regard. The day was selected as being the anniversary of his birth. Sir Henry Bishop conducted the musical arrangements, and presided at the pianoforte, and some eminent male and female vocalists contributed signally to the amusements. Amongst other songs, was an appropriate one written expressly for the occasion, by Dr. Badeley. Sir B. Brodie was in the chair, and the party did not separate until a late hour.

FOREIGN CLIMATES.

Amongst the erroneous opinions still prevalent in this country respecting the so-called salubrity of foreign regions over that of England, the ideal superiority of the south of France occupies a prominent position in

the minds of some individuals. This tendency to migrate southward is shown by the number of invalids who there pass the winter in expectation of finding an Elysium, redolent of comfort, health, and happiness. How far such notions ultimately become realized, may be illustrated, in addition to other evidence, by the subjoined observations recently written to a friend in London, by a lady resident at Pau the whole of last season, to which place she had come for the *benefit* of her health.

Extract of a letter from Pau.—"The air here is so relaxing and enervating, that one feels constant heaviness and depression of spirits, together with headaches and languor. One is not fit for much mental exertion; and a clergyman told me he could only write one sermon per week, whereas in Switzerland he could compose two with great ease. Oh, what I would give for a 'blow' day!" Another most uncomfortable circumstance is the difficulty we have in getting any medical prescription made up, and we are obliged to send to England to have ours properly mixed and accurately composed."

The above report is by no means encouraging, nevertheless, many persons, like a flock of sheep jumping over a fence into a quagmire, often follow each other without inquiring why or wherefore, but merely from the blind confidence they have in their leader. Alas, will ignorance never be dispelled?—(From a Correspondent.)—*Lancet*.

NICOTINE.

An extraordinary trial is now going on in Belgium; the accused, the Viscount and Viscountess Bocarme, being charged with the murder of the Viscountess' brother by nicotine. The Viscount, who is in embarrassed circumstances, had for some time past addicted himself to the study of vegetable chemistry, and, as he himself acknowledged, had obtained several phials full of nicotine. The contents of one of these, the Viscountess asserts, he forced into his brother-in-law's mouth, and thus produced instant death.

NAVAL APPOINTMENTS.

Surgeon John Gibson (1835) to be Surgeon Superintendent of the *Minden* convict-ship. Surgeon John Smith, (c. 1830,) from the *Impregnable* flag-ship at Devonport, to the *Blenheim* convict-ship.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

The following gentlemen were admitted members on Friday, the 23rd ult. :—James Joseph Roosmale Cocq, Ceylon; James Couch, Swansea, South Wales; Chas. Dudley Kingsford, Wellington Street, Southwark; Thomas Odell, London; Wm. James Shone, Bangor, North Wales; Wm. Harris Stretton, Leicester; Geo. Edward Webster, Cambridge.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted members on Thursday, the 22nd ult.:—Alfred Carpenter, Rothwell, Northamptonshire; Henry Joseph Herschell Griesbach, Millington, Yorkshire; Francis Martin, Brighton; Henry Thompson, Croydon; Edward Wilmhurst Tait, Heytesbury, Wilts.

The following gentlemen were also admitted members on Thursday, the 29th ult.:—Francis Ayrton, Liverpool; Edward Somerset Cleveland, Madras; George Henry Edwards, Royal Navy; Thos. Lowney Ridley, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Charles Rothwell, Bolton-le-Moors; George Edmund Smale, Plymouth.

THE COLLEGE COUNCIL.

As the time approaches when the Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons may expect to be called together, to elect from among themselves gentlemen to occupy the vacant seats in the council-chamber occasioned by the resignations of John Painter Vincent and Edward Cutler, Esqrs., we consider it may be acceptable to a large number of our readers to publish, from the chronological list of Fellows, the first dozen names of gentlemen enjoying that distinction, who are eligible for election into the Council:—The first on the list is Gulliver, George, Esq., F.R.S., Brompton, Surgeon to the Royal Horse Guards, Blue; Tuson, Edward Wm., Esq., F.R.S., Harley Street, Cavendish Square; Owen, Richard, Esq., F.R.S., Royal College of Surgeons; Coulson, William, Esq., Frederick Place, Old Jewry, Senior Surgeon to St. Mary's and Magdalene Hospitals, and Consulting Surgeon to the German and City of London Lying-in Hospitals; Dalrymple, John, Esq., F.R.S., Grosvenor Street, Consulting Surgeon to the Royal Ophthalmic Hospital and to the North London Infirmary; Partridge, Richard, Esq., F.R.S., New Street, Spring Gardens, Surgeon to King's College Hospital and Professor of Anatomy; Hilton, John, Esq., F.R.S., New Broad Street, Surgeon to Guy's Hospital, and Lecturer on Anatomy; Quain, Richard, Esq., F.R.S., Cavendish Square, Surgeon, University College Hospital, and Professor of Clinical Surgery in the University; Cock, Edward, Esq., Surgeon to Guy's Hospital, and Consulting Surgeon to the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb; Solly, Samuel, Esq., F.R.S., St. Helen's Place, Assistant Surgeon, and Lecturer on Clinical Surgery at St. Thomas's Hospital; Tatum, Thomas, Esq., George Street, Hanover Square, Surgeon to St. George's Hospital, and Lecturer on Surgery; Shaw, Alexander, Esq., Henrietta Street, Cavendish Square, Surgeon to the Middlesex Hospital, and Lecturer on Surgery.—The above list of twelve Fellows is exclusive of those gentlemen residing in the provinces, who from that circumstance are ineligible for a seat in the Council.

OBITUARY.

MR. RICHARD PHILLIPS, F.R.S.L. & E.

We regret to have to announce the death of the above-named distinguished chemist and pharmacist,

who departed this life at Cambridge, on the 11th of May, in his 73rd year, after a few days' illness.

Mr. Phillips was appointed Lecturer on Chemistry to the London Hospital in 1817, and was afterwards Professor of Chemistry at the Military College, Sandhurst. He held for several years the Chemical Lectureship at Grainger's Medical School, in the Borough; and subsequently a similar appointment at St. Thomas's Hospital. In 1839 he was appointed to the offices of Curator and Chemist to the Museum of Practical Geology, now in Jermyn Street, which was opened by His Royal Highness Prince Albert on the day following the death of the subject of this sketch.

The notice of the scientific world was first attracted towards Mr. Phillips by his "Analyses of the Bath Waters," in 1805, which elaborate paper was rapidly followed by several others upon various mineral waters and rare minerals, published in the various scientific serials of that period. In 1822 Mr. Phillips was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of London; and about this time published a paper in their "Transactions," in conjunction with Dr. Faraday, which distinguished philosopher he had the honour of introducing to that learned Society.

In the year 1824 Mr. Phillips published his first translation of the *Pharmacopœia Londinensis*; and subsequently he was consulted by the College of Physicians respecting the chemical preparations of the *Pharmacopœia* of 1836. Of this work he soon afterwards published a translation, enriched with a vast mass of information contained in the remarks and notes he appended to each preparation.

For this task his rigid accuracy, both in experimenting and in composition, peculiarly fitted him; and the selection of him by the College of Physicians to conduct their investigations upon the various preparations contained in their publication, is the best evidence of the opinion of that learned body as to his merits as a pharmaceutical chemist.

Previously to the appearance of the recently-issued London *Pharmacopœia* he was again often consulted by the College; and upon a translation of this work (the London *Pharmacopœia* of 1850) he was engaged a few evenings before his death. This, we find, is already in the press, and may shortly be expected. To the collection and arrangement of information which the researches of the last ten years have afforded, and which is capable of being embodied in this translation, he has for years devoted himself, with the evident object of making perfect this, his final work. Alas! that it should be a posthumous one.

Mr. Phillips was a member of the Council of the Royal Society for some years before his death. He was one of the founders of the Geological Society; and held the presidency of the Chemical Society of London for the last two years. He was an honorary member of the Medico-Chirurgical, Pharmaceutical, and other scientific Societies. As a critic on chemical and pharmaceutical subjects his fame was widely known, and great practical good has resulted in many quarters from the truthful severity of his strictures. Beloved for his kindness of disposition and cheerful wit in private life, and distinguished for his scientific acquirements and modesty in his public career, he has closed an active and useful life amidst the lasting regrets of a

numerous circle of personal and scientific friends. His remains were interred at Norwood Cemetery.

Lately, at Kensington, Henry Smith, Esq., surgeon, late of Torrington Square.

PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.

The Fifteenth Annual Meeting of this Branch will be held at the Town Hall, King Street, Manchester, on Wednesday the 25th June, inst. The chair will be taken at 12 o'clock precisely, by Thomas Turner, Esq., of Manchester, President for the year. Dinner will be provided at the Albion Hotel, (opposite the Royal Infirmary), at *three o'clock*, for those members or friends who signify to the Secretary, on or before the 23rd inst., their intention of being present.

JOHN HATTON, Secretary.

114, Oxford Street, Manchester.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.

The Bath and Bristol District Branch will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, June 26th, at half-past two o'clock, at the Bristol Medical Library, Orchard Street, Bristol, under the Presidency of J. A. Symonds, M.D. The dinner will take place at the Bath Hotel, Clifton, at six o'clock.

JOHN COLTHURST,

Hon. Sec., Bristol District.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH.

The members of this Branch of the Association, comprehending those residing in the counties of Kent, Sussex, and Surrey, are respectfully informed that the members of the committees of management, including the Presidents of the present and the ensuing year (the anniversary being always held on the last Wednesday in June) have been consulted, and they agree in opinion that the meeting of the entire Association having been appointed to be held this year within the district, namely, at Brighton, the usual annual assemblage of the members of this branch appointed to be held at Folkestone, may with propriety be postponed until next year, when the arrangements made at the Guildford meeting will be carried into effect at Folkestone, on Wednesday, the 30th of June, 1852.

THOMAS MARTIN,

Secretary and Treasurer.

Reigate, June 2nd, 1851.

SUFFOLK BRANCH.

The Anniversary Meeting of the Suffolk Branch of the Association, will be holden at the Town Hall, Framlingham, on Friday, the 27th of June.

Members of the Council will meet at the residence of the President elect, Wm. Jeafferson, Esq., at one o'clock, and the Chair at the General Meeting will be taken at two o'clock, precisely.

The members and their friends will dine together at the Crown Hotel, at five o'clock.

Short papers, or briefly detailed cases of practical value will be desirable; members unable to attend are respectfully informed that any communication they may wish brought before the meeting will be taken care of by the Secretary.

It will facilitate arrangements, if members would be kind enough to intimate to the President-Elect, Mr. Jeafferson, or myself, whether it is their intention to be present at the Dinner or not.

CHARLES ROBERT BREE,

Hon. Sec.

Stowmarket, June 9th, 1851.

P.S.—Members who have not paid their Subscriptions, and who are not likely to attend the Meeting, are requested to send them to me, by post-office order.

It is desirable that subscriptions should be paid before the 30th of June.

THE NORTH WALES BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting of the North Wales Branch of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association will be held at the Crown Inn, Denbigh, on Tuesday, the 17th day of June next. The chair will be taken at twelve o'clock, when the business of the meeting will immediately commence.

It is earnestly hoped that Members will attend the ensuing meeting, and contribute papers, cases, &c., for discussion; and it will facilitate the business of the day if due notice of such intentions be given to either Secretary.

As the Journal of the Association is open to receive any papers, and publish them in full, it is considered expedient that in the more extended communications a *vivâ voce* abstract only shall be received at the meeting.

Dinner on the table at four o'clock.

EDWARD WILLIAMS, } Hon Secs.
D. KENT JONES, }

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

The publishers having received information that there has been some irregularity in the transit of the *Journal* through the post, it is particularly requested that any gentleman not receiving it punctually will immediately communicate the same to the office of the Association. The *Journal* is published every alternate Tuesday, and despatched in time for the evening post or the Wednesday's day mail.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Justicia, Birmingham Pathological Society, Dr. Tilt, Mr. Hardy, Amicus Veritatis.

It is requested that all letters and communications connected with the *Editorial department* 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. But all communications respecting the routine business of the Association should be forwarded to James P. Sheppard, Esq., the Secretary of the Association.