

## THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION.

*To the Editors of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Journal.*

GENTLEMEN,—The treasurer of the Association at the meeting of the Council, held at Brighton, read a supplemental balance sheet, or liability-sheet, in addition to the account of the finances published in the last number of your Journal.

I understood that such supplemental document would be published, as well as the balance sheet. As a member of the Council, and one of the auditors of the Association's accounts for the year ending August 1, 1850, I beg through your columns, to intimate my wish and hope that such supplemental document may be laid before the members in your columns.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,  
SAMUEL CROMPTON.

Manchester, Sept, 10, 1851.

[We understand from the Treasurer that he simply stated that, in addition to the balance in the cash account, there was upwards of £1000 due for subscriptions; and that there was also a stock on hand of "Transactions" and Journals of small value. The liabilities of the Association at the end of July, amounted to about £120.—ED. P. J.]

## DR. MAYNE'S EXPOSITORY LEXICON.

*To the Editor of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Journal.*

SIR,—I sincerely hope the profession generally will respond to Dr. Mayne's request, and subscribe to his Expository Lexicon. Lest any one may be inclined to withhold their name from a reluctance to support a work about to appear in parts, I hope my testimony in Dr. Mayne's behalf will induce them to reconsider their decision, and at once come forward and give the Doctor a helping hand. I am the more anxious as the work is unquestionably *much wanted*, and the sooner his subscription list has closed, the sooner it will be published. Dr. Mayne, I know has, from conscientious motives, refrained from announcing his intended publication until he had all the materials ready for its completion. Such being the case, the subscribers may rely with confidence on the regular issue of each part on the day fixed for its appearance.

I remain, your obedient Servant,  
THOMAS SMITH, M.D.

Cheltenham, Sept. 20, 1851.

## THE MEDICAL BENEVOLENT COLLEGE.

*To the Editors of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Journal.*

GENTLEMEN,—Mr. Bottomley tells us that he, "with many others," refrains from attaching his name to the list of subscribers *at present*, until they "see

the Committee a little more scrupulous about admitting medical subscribers who practise irregularly." But the Committee have no option in the matter. Subscriptions transmitted to them become at once the property of the College, which they, as Trustees, are bound to appropriate accordingly. They have no moral right or legal power to refuse or return them, on any pretext whatever. If they did so they would become guilty of a violation of good faith, which gentlemen so sensitive to right and wrong as Mr. Bottomley and his friends are, could scarcely be expected to overlook. I would beg to suggest to your correspondent, who seems really interested in Mr. Probert's undertaking, that the subscribers at present are not too many, but too few; and that, as he is not only an orthodox practitioner, but a man of influence, the best way to purify the list would be to *grace* it with his own name and those of his many friends. We shall hope to see the list of Croydon subscribers very numerous, especially as many whom Mr. Bottomley has solicited to belong to the *Surrey Benevolent Fund* have declined to do so, and can, therefore, the better afford to support the Medical Benevolent College.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient Servant,

NO COMMITTEE-MAN,  
BUT AN ORTHODOX PRACTITIONER.

Sept. 8, 1851.

## Medical Intelligence.

### THE CREWKERNE AND YEOVIL DISTRICT MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

This Association held its second general meeting at Yeovil, on the 11th inst., and many of the medical gentlemen of the neighbourhood attended. Although in existence a few month's only, this society has done a great deal of good, and numbers seventeen members, all of whom engage actively in its support. It offers considerable advantages, and we hope it will continue to uphold the dignity of the profession and that unanimity among its members which is so desirable in this season of heresy and schism. Since its formation, it has declared that those Insurance Offices which do not remunerate the medical referee for his faithful report of the state of his patients' health, to be unworthy of the support of the profession. Active measures are also being taken to prevent the growing injury inflicted upon medical practitioners by so-called benefit clubs and friendly societies, which receive, as members, many respectable tradesmen, whose sole object in entering is to obtain attendance for the small contract payment of from three to six shillings annually. It has brought to light several instances of the inhuman policy adopted by the Poor-Law Board and its satellites, the Guardians. It now calls attention to irregular practice and the gross ignorance, or wilful perjury of many quacks of the present day, and urges on our Colleges the necessity of protecting the public by withdrawing the sanction obtained by the possession of their diploma, in order to expose their apostacy. The members announce their intention to avoid all intercourse with any of the tribe

of empirics. There is little doubt but that an Association commenced in such an excellent spirit, and composed of respectable and respected practitioners, must be of great benefit to the profession and to the public; and we hope that their brethren will in every way give them their willing support.

#### EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—INQUIRY ON VACCINATION AND SMALL-POX.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.—We are requested to inform our readers that the above inquiry will shortly be brought to an issue, and it is hoped that those members of the Association who have not already replied to the printed queries, will forward their replies to the Honorary Secretaries of the Epidemiological Society, 38, Berners Street, before the 15th of October next.

This Society has appointed an Epizootic Committee, which held its first meeting at Mr. Tucker's residence, on the 19th of August. Professor Simonds is appointed chairman.

#### FELLOWSHIP OF THE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

The following were the questions submitted at the last examination, on anatomy and physiology:—

1. Describe the knee-joint, its articular surfaces and their form, the ligaments connecting the bones, the muscular attachments serving the purpose of ligaments to this joint, other muscles or their tendons passing over the joint.

2. Describe the parts seen on opening the abdomen, and their relative position. Describe the formation, extent and attachments of the great and little omentum, the peculiar characters of the small and large intestines, and the special circumstances distinguishing the duodenum.

3. Describe the membranes which invest the brain, the peculiarities of their structure and function. The remarkable circumstances distinguishing the arterial and venous apparatus of the brain from those of the other parts of the body.

4. Describe the boundaries of the peritoneum, the parts contained within it, and their relations to each other.

3. Describe the parts exposed in dissecting the bend of the elbow, and their relative position.

6. Describe the circulation of the blood through the heart and lungs, with the action of the valves. Also the changes effected on the blood in its passage through the lungs, and in the general circulation.

The following on surgery and pathology were submitted on the 6th inst. :—

1. State the primary and secondary consequences of a wound into a joint, if adhesion of the divided parts do not speedily take place. Describe the treatment of such wound, and of its consequences.

2. Describe the symptoms and causes of a strangulated hernia. The treatment to be employed for its reduction. If an operation be required, what is its object, and what the circumstances which determine the return or not of the contents of the sac into the abdomen.

3. Describe the symptoms distinguishing concussion and compression of the brain. The kinds of compression, and the periods at which the symptoms appear. State the treatment of concussion and its effects, and generally that of the several kinds of compression.

4. Describe the causes and treatment of retention of

urine from stricture. Also, the causes, consequence, and treatment of extravasation of urine.

5. Describe the primary treatment of a wound made into the brachial artery in the operation of phlebotomy. State what happens to the artery if improperly treated on the occurrence of the accident, and what is then to be done under such circumstances.

6. Describe the consequences and treatment of a penetrating wound of the lungs.

#### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.

At a special court held on the 13th instant, Mr. Leslie Ogilby Patterson, of Downham Market, Norfolk, passed his examination, and obtained his diploma.

#### SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted members on Thursday, Sept. 11, 1851 :—George Earle, Beverley; Henry Folkard, Old Brompton; Henry Lowndes, Liverpool; Wm. Notley, Manchester; Thomas Wynne Williams, Denbigh.

#### OBITUARY.

September 2nd, at his residence, Chelmsford, John Carr Badeley, M.D. The deceased was a member of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association, and well known to his professional brethren as an accomplished and talented physician. He delivered the Harveian Oration last year at the College of Physicians.

Lately, at Oxford, J. Kidd, M.D., F.R.S. Regius Professor of Physic in the University of Oxford. There are circumstances connected with the interest taken by Dr. Kidd in the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association, which demand a more extended notice in our next number.

At his residence, Forston, George Peacock Button, M.D., Superintendent of the County Lunatic Asylum, Forston, near Dorchester.

#### 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.

It is also particularly requested that all post-office orders should be sent either to the Treasurer or Secretary, who alone have the power of giving receipts.

JAMES P. SHEPPARD, Secretary.

Worcester, September, 1851.

#### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Mr. Harvey, Dr. Edwards, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Ogier Ward, and Mr. Bree.

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.