

as a branch of medical science; an example which, in my humble opinion, every individual member of the profession is morally bound to follow.

I have already made this letter, perhaps, inconveniently long for a place in your valuable Journal, yet I hope you will find room for it in an early number, and permit me to return to the subject of homœopathy on some future occasion.

I am, Gentlemen, your very obedient Servant,

AN M.D. OUT OF PRACTICE.

London, Oct. 10, 1851.

Medical Intelligence.

BANQUET TO CHARLES MAYO, ESQ., F.R.C.S.,

SENIOR SURGEON TO THE HANTS COUNTY HOSPITAL.

On Tuesday week, the 21st instant, a splendid entertainment was given to Mr. Mayo, of Winchester, by the Committee and Governors of the Hants County Hospital, to commemorate his long and faithful services to that institution. About 150 gentlemen assembled, at six o'clock, at the St. John's Rooms, Winchester, to take part in the celebration of an event so interesting and gratifying. The Rev. the Warden of Winchester College presided on the occasion, supported on his right by the guest of the evening and the Mayor of Winchester, and on his left by the Rev. the Dean of Winchester and Melville, Partal, Esq., M.P. The Committee of the hospital, with a degree of generosity which well deserves mention, presented Mr. Mayo with a very liberal supply of cards of invitation to his professional friends, and among those present and resident at Winchester we observed:—Dr. Crawford, Dr. Phillips, W. H. Judd, Esq., Surgeon in Ordinary to H.R.H. Prince Albert, and Surgeon-Major Scotch Fusilier Guards, James Mee, Esq., 1st Royals, the Medical Officer of the 38th Regiment, W. J. Wickham, Esq., R. W. Smith, Esq., who very ably filled the vice-chair, and several others.

After the cloth was removed, and ample justice done to the usual toasts, the Chairman in a very eloquent and dignified manner, next proposed the toast of the evening, and after passing in review many very interesting details connected with Mr. Mayo's deservedly successful professional career, and passing upon him encomiums which it has seldom fallen to our lot to hear, he said,—"It is my pleasing duty now to propose the health of that most excellent man, the guest of the evening, and to acknowledge the deep debt of gratitude we all owe to him for the eminent, disinterested, and brilliant services rendered to the hospital. It is due to Mr. Mayo to offer to him that sincere and just tribute of our approbation and praise to which he is peculiarly entitled. I give you, gentlemen, the health of Charles Mayo, Esq., the faithful and efficient servant of the Hants County Hospital, during the lengthened period of forty years." The toast was received with most marked and rapturous applause, and after silence had been in some measure restored, Mr. Mayo rose and said:—"Mr. Warden and gentlemen,—It has been well known to many of my friends that I had for several years past entertained an idea of the propriety of establishing a periodical festival for the benefit of

the hospital; and it is indeed to me a gratifying part of my career, to find that, with a view to introduce so deserving an undertaking, the Committee and Governors of the hospital should have invited my friends and myself to partake of the good things of this sumptuous entertainment. My first and chief feeling on this occasion must be sincere thankfulness to the Almighty that my life and health has been so long and vigorously maintained, and that I have thereby been enabled to devote my services, as an humble instrument in his hand, to the carrying out the benevolent purposes of the Charity. In acknowledging, however, how deeply and keenly I appreciate the generous sentiments of esteem which my fellow-citizens have on this event bestowed upon me for the humble part I have taken in the performance of my duty, I cannot allow the occasion to pass, without tendering to my colleagues at the Hospital my warmest thanks for their excellent co-operation. To those professional and private friends who have come from the metropolis, and various parts of the country, to testify their cordial approbation of the great compliment which the Chairman and Governors have paid to me and my long services, I beg also to tender my best thanks; and with a warm sense of my unworthiness, and a sincere desire to impress upon this company and the public how much the charity is indebted to the Rev. Chairman and Committee of Governors, for the unwearied care of its best interests, I beg to propose to you the health of the "Chairman and the Committee of Governors." Mr. Mayo then sat down amidst the deafening applause of the whole company. The Rev. Chairman responded, and said, that his great happiness as a resident of Winchester was mainly to be attributed to his connexion with the Hospital. He paid a marked and well-merited compliment to the officers of the Institution. The Chairman next "proposed the Physicians and Surgeons to the Hospital." Dr. Phillips, who has been attached to the hospital thirty years, returned thanks in a very appropriate manner. Mr. Wickham returned thanks on behalf of the surgical staff of the hospital, and made some highly complimentary observations relative to the guest of the evening. The Dean of Winchester rose to add his testimony to the noble and disinterested services of the medical officers of the Charity, and said, however deserving of public approbation Mr. Mayo might be—and he believed no man was more worthy of it—he could not allow the occasion to pass without bearing his individual testimony to the high reputation and long services of the families of the Wickhams and Lyfords of Winchester. The Wickham family had rendered their services to the hospital during a period of nearly sixty years. The family of the Lyfords had attended the hospital upwards of ninety years; and to the great and vast experience of four generations of that family, he was, under Divine Providence, enabled to be present among them that evening. He much admired the talent and skill of their city. He had attended the festival at great personal inconvenience, but he had no hesitation in stating that this was one of the proudest moments of his life; for never before had he met with so many distinguished members of the medical profession,—indeed, it was the greatest demonstration of *physical strength* he had ever witnessed. The next toast was, "The Retired Physicians of the Hospital." Dr. Crawford, in a most classical and feeling manner, responded to the toast, and elicited from all present the warmest acknowledgement of his previous services. Many other toasts very complimentary to the profession were given and responded to, and the company separated, highly delighted with the occasion which had induced so many members of the profession to meet together in such harmony and good fellowship.—*Medical Times*.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

At a special general meeting of this Society held on Friday, October 10, the following resolutions, recommended by the Council, were unanimously adopted:—

"1. That in the opinion of this Society the practice of homœopathy, or the prescribing medicines in what are called 'infinitesimal doses,' under a pretence that they are useful in the cure of disease, is founded in palpable error, is a delusion on the part of the practitioner, a deception on the public, and manifestly dangerous to its welfare.

"2. That the fellows of the Medical Society of London cannot honourably hold any professional communion with homœopaths.

"3. That, consequently, any fellow of this Society who shall hereafter practise homœopathy, or who shall knowingly meet in consultation any professed homœopathist, will thereby render himself unworthy of the fellowship of this Society."

THE FACULTY OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, OF GLASGOW.

At a meeting held on the 1st of September, 1851, the following minute was passed:—"The Faculty, having had their attention called to certain resolutions by the Royal Colleges of Edinburgh, in reference to homœopathy, and heard the opinion of their Council, to whom the matter was referred at last meeting, do now, in conformity with that opinion, express their concurrence in, and approbation of the views taken by the Royal Colleges, as specially detailed in the resolutions of the Royal College of Physicians; but, as none of the Fellows or Licentiates of Faculty, so far as known to them, have hitherto professed or countenanced this system, they consider any further notice of the subject, on their part, in the meantime, unnecessary.

THE SALE OF ARSENIC ACT.

Another conviction has taken place under this Act, which will eventually do much good, and be the means of saving life and preventing the commission of crime. On Wednesday se'nnight, Abraham Sefton, of Church, near Accrington, druggist, was charged at petty sessions, by the superintendent of police, with having unlawfully sold to Mary Lowe two ounces of arsenic, she not being of full age, and the poison not being mixed with soot or indigo, as required by the Act. The sale was proved, and the excuse alleged by Sefton was, that he did not know the Act was in force, and thought that the purchaser was 21 years of age. He was fined £5 and costs, the presiding magistrate, Mr. Eccles, expressing a hope that it would act as a caution to other druggists. We trust that the provisions of the Act will be speedily extended to the sale of all other poisons, so that the suicide and the murderer may be balked in their desire for crime.—*Blackburn Standard*.

THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE, BIRMINGHAM.

The Queen's College, at Birmingham, has recently obtained powers under a supplemental charter to elect such members of the College as may distinguish themselves during their studies, and who subsequently obtain a diploma in medicine or surgery, or become graduates in medicine, law, or arts, Fellows of the College. We hear that the authorities of the College intend to confer this honour, in the first instance, upon such of the earlier members of the Institution as the Principal and Council may determine to be eligible; and in accordance with the provisions of the charter, two gentlemen, Dr. Roden, of Kidderminster, and Dr. Barker, of Bedford, have been elected Fellows of the College. These, with Mr. G. B. Masfen, of Stafford, are the first

three members of the Profession selected for this distinction under the new charter. Among other privileges, the Fellows are entitled to vote at all meetings of the Governors, to free admission to the medical and general libraries, to the museums, to the lectures of the professors in the different departments, and to dine in the College Hall.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

A grace has passed the Senate of this University, to appoint Dr. Webster an examiner for medical degrees during the ensuing year. The Professor of Anatomy will commence his course of lectures on the Anatomy and Physiology of the Human Body, on the 28th, in the Anatomical School, at 1 o'clock, P.M.

UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREWS.

List of gentlemen who had the degree of Doctor of Medicine conferred upon them on Friday, October 17, 1851:—Robt. Beales, L.A.C., London; John Brown, M.R.C.S., and L.A.C., Islington; John Cowie, M.R.C.S., Ed., Zetland; Alexander Scott Fogo, M.R.C.S., London; Charles Gibson, M.R.C.S. and L.A.C., Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Frederick Goodchild, M.R.C.S., Middlesex; John Fred. Grace, M.R.C.S., London; Nathaniel Jarvis Highmore, M.R.C.S. and L.A.C., Bradford, Wilts; Edwin Humby, M.R.C.S. and L.A.C., London; Charles Dudley Kingsford, M.R.C.S., Middlesex; Thomas Joseph William Marsh, M.R.C.S. and L.A.C., Surrey; George Miller, M.R.C.S. and L.A.C., London; John Pearson Nash, M.R.C.S., Calcutta; John Roulston, M.R.C.S. and L.A.C., Yorkshire; Thomas Torney, M.R.C.S., Ed., Dublin; Henry Uwins, M.R.C.P. and M.R.C.S., London; John Walling, M.R.C.S. and L.A.C., Yealand, Lancaster; Henry Waldron Watson, Arnold, near Nottingham.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

The following gentlemen were admitted members on the 10th inst:—George Atkin, Sheffield; John Breay Butcher, Devonport; Richard Cockerton, Trinidad, West Indies; Owen Spence Evans, Wilton Crescent, Belgrave Square; Thomas Beard Farncombe, Bishopstone, Sussex; Richard Croker Graves, Chester; Mark Oliver Larnuth, Salford, Lancashire; George Robinson Naylor, Calcutta; Edward Pearl, Hoxne, Suffolk; George Scott, Denmark Hill, Camberwell; Thomas Willis, Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted on Thursday, October 9th:—James Doubleday, Blackfriar's Road; Samuel Bowen Partridge, Newport, Monmouthshire.

APPOINTMENTS.

Dr. Pereira has been appointed Physician to the London Hospital, in the room of Dr. Frampton.

Dr. Ogle has been appointed to succeed our late lamented Associate, Dr. Kidd, as Regius Professor of Medicine at Oxford.

OBITUARY.

October 7th, aged 28, Robert R. Crucefix, Esq., Surgeon, Shepton Mallet.

October 15th, aged 61, Daniel Macnamara, Esq., Surgeon, of Uxbridge, Middlesex.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Dr. R. Hall, Mr. Prichard, Mr. Dayman, Dr. Nelson, Dr. Day, Dr. Duncan, Mr. King, Mr. Sands Cox, Mr. Wilten, and H.S.B.