

Medical Intelligence.

SESSIONAL REPORT OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE, BIRMINGHAM.

In accordance with the following regulations, issued by the Council of the Queen's College, in Birmingham, namely,—“That the professors shall keep a book specifying the times of attendance of each student, such book to be laid before the Council at their monthly Boards; that previously to the commencement of every lecture the professors shall call over the names of the students, and shall forward to the warden, seven days before the end of each term, their registers of attendance, or a terminal report of the attendance, conduct, and progress of *each student* in their respective classes and departments, from which details a general report shall be drawn up by the warden, and submitted to the Council, and copies of the reports on *each student* shall be forwarded by the warden to the parent or guardian of *each student*.” A most elaborate statistical report has been presented by the Rev. Prebendary Gray, the warden, which cannot but prove highly gratifying to the friends of the Institution and to the public, and will afford a satisfactory proof of the earnest endeavours of the Council to maintain regularity and discipline in every department. Our space will only permit us to give a short abstract from the report. It appears that ninety students have been inserted on the register of the medical department, of which number sixty students have been in attendance at the medical and surgical practice at the Queen's Hospital during the past session.

Collegiate Discipline.—Of the resident students in the senior department, Messrs. Wilkinson, Franks, Waller, Day, Webb, and Bussigny were reported as *very regular and satisfactory* in regard to Collegiate discipline and attendance at the chapel; of the resident students in the junior department, Messrs. Down, Coathupe, Bond, and Trevor were reported *very satisfactory and regular* in the same respect.

Anatomical Class.—In attendance 72 students, of which number Messrs. Brierley, Harris, Perry, and Roland were reported *very regular*; 39 regular, 13 moderate, 11 indifferent, æger 1, dismissed 3, suspended 1.

Surgical Class.—In attendance 57 students, of which number Messrs. Adams, Brierley, Oakes, Perry, and Russell, were reported *very regular*; 34 regular, 11 irregular, 2 very regular, 1 æger, 3 dismissed, 1 suspended.

Practice of Physic Class.—In attendance 42 students, of which number Messrs. Beales, Cantrill, Day, John Fox, Franks, James, Perry, Wilkinson, and Stabb were reported *very regular*; 7 regular, 6 moderate, 16 indifferent, 1 suspended, 3 dismissed.

Midwifery Class.—In attendance 67 students, of which number Messrs. Adams, Baxter, Blake, Bussigny, Berryman, Brierley, Cantrill, Day, Franks, Oakes, Harris, Michell, Perry, Smith, Stillman, Scholefield, Salter, Thornhill, Turner, and Waller were reported *very regular*; 24 regular, 14 moderate, 5 indifferent, 3 dismissed, 1 suspended.

Chemical Class.—In attendance 27 students, of which number Messrs. Brierley, Green, Oakes, Harris, Baxter, and Salter were reported *very regular*; 10 regular, 6 moderate, 4 indifferent, 1 absent.

Anatomical Demonstration.—In attendance 73 students, of which number Messrs. Brierley, Franks, Oakes, Perry, M. B. Smith, Webb, and Wilkinson, were reported *very regular*; 25 regular, 13 moderate, 24 indifferent, 2 dismissed, 1 suspended.

The Medical Tutor's Class.—In attendance 12 students, of which number Messrs. Franks, Wilkinson,

Wall, and Vincent were reported *very regular*; 6 regular, 2 occasional.

The Warneford Theological Class.—In attendance 43 students, of which number Messrs. Brierley, White, and Bussigny were reported *very regular*; 8 regular, 7 moderate, 10 indifferent, 6 irregular, 6 very irregular, 2 dismissed, 1 suspended.

MEDICAL EDUCATION.

The Court of Examiners of the Society of Apothecaries have resolved,—

1. That a preliminary examination for the junior students of the medical profession would be desirable, as an important auxiliary to the subsequent professional studies.

2. That such examination should comprise an inquiry into the student's knowledge of the Latin and Greek languages, and of the elements of mathematics.

3. That students should be admissible to such examination at any period from the date of their apprenticeship to the completion of the first winter session of their curriculum.

4. That such examination should in the first instance include the following subjects, viz. :—

1. The first book of Virgil's *Æneid* and Cicero's *Oration for Milo*.

2. The Greek Testament, to the end of the Acts of the Apostles; or, the first book of Xenophon's *Anabasis*,—at the option of the candidate.

3. Algebra, as far as simple equations.

4. The first book of Euclid's *Elements*.

5. That students who pass this examination satisfactorily should not be subject to any subsequent examination in Latin, except the *Pharmacopœia Londinensis* and prescriptions.

6. That students who have not passed this examination should, for the present, be allowed, as heretofore, to undergo the preliminary examination in Celsus and Gregory, after they have completed two winter sessions of their medical studies.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the Society, held on the 7th, the following gentlemen were elected to the various offices:

President.—Benjamin Guy Babington, M.D., F.R.S.

Vice-Presidents.—Thomas Addison, M.D.; Richard Bright, M.D., F.R.S.; Sir B. C. Brodie, Bart, F.R.S.; Sir W. Burnett, Knt., K.C.B., K.C.H., F.R.S.; Sir C. M. Clarke, Bart., M.D., F.R.S.; Rev. Thomas Dale, M.A., Canon Res. of St. Paul's; R. D. Grainger, Esq., F.R.S.; Sir Charles Hastings, M.D., Worcester; Sir James M'Grigor, Bart., K.C.B., K.C.T.S.; John Nussey, Esq.; Professor Owen, V.P.R.S.; John Probert, Esq.; G. L. Roupell, M.D., F.R.S.; Thos. Southwood Smith, M.D.; Colonel Sykes, V.P.R.S.; Thomas Watson, M.D.

Treasurer.—T. Addison, M.D.

Honorary Secretaries.—J. O. M'William, M.D., P.R.S.; and J. H. Tucker, Esq.

Members of Council.—G. H. Barlow, M.D.; Jacob Bell, Esq., M.P.; James Bird, M.D.; A. Bryson, M.D., R.N.; W. B. Carpenter, M.D., F.R.S.; R. Greenhalgh, Esq.; W. W. Gull, M.D.; A. H. Hassall, Esq., M.B.; E. Headland, Esq.; A. Helsham, M.D.; T. Hunt, Esq.; J. O. M'William, M.D., R.N., F.R.S.; J. F. Marson, Esq., Henry Oldham, M.D.; W. Percivall, Esq.; G. Filcher, Esq.; E. C. Seaton, M.D.; F. Sibson, M.D., F.R.S.; E. Sieveking, M.D.; J. Simon, Esq., F.R.S.; J. Snow, M.D.; G. J. Squibb, Esq.; Wm. Edwd. Swaine, M.D.; C. R. Walsh, Esq.

HUNTERIAN MUSEUM.

The Council of the Royal College of Surgeons, with a liberality that does them great credit, have sent letters to all the foreign ambassadors and consuls-general, enclosing cards of admission to the museum, which they are invited to present to their respective countrymen who may visit London at the approaching Exhibition of the Industry of All Nations.

COLLEGE STUDENTSHIPS.

The Council of the Royal College of Surgeons have just announced their intention to elect a Student in Human and Comparative Anatomy, at a salary of £100 per annum, to be held for two years, at the expiration of which time the student will receive an appointment in the Army, Navy, or East India Company's Service.

A GOOD HIT AT HOMŒOPATHY.

Professor J. K. Mitchell, in his late Introductory, disposes of Homœopathy thus wittily and aptly:—A Physician educated in Philadelphia, says the Doctor, but who lapsed through a proclivous nature into Homœopathy, came to me once for a motto for a book which he was preparing on Homœopathy. As he usually consulted me when himself sick, and yet gave his microscopic doses to others, I felt no reluctance to give him a blow; so I said that once when a ranting lover on the stage cried out to his mistress—"My wound is great because 'tis small"—the witty Duke of Buckingham added from a side box—"Then 't had been greater were it none at all." Now, Doctor, said I, you can put that together thus—

"My Physic's great because 'tis small,
And would be greater were it none at all."

That is the whole argument of Homœopathy in a couplet.

A CHINESE EXECUTION.

A Mr. Lynton has lately made a communication to the Asiatic Society of London, descriptive of a mode of punishment peculiar to the criminal code of the Celestial Empire. A Chinese merchant named Hiam-ly, accused and convicted of having killed his wife, was sentenced to die by the total deprivation of sleep. The execution took place at Amoy, in the month of June last. The condemned was placed in prison under the *surveillance* of three guardians, who relieved each other every alternate hour, and who prevented him from taking any sleep, night or day. He lived thus for nineteen days, without having slept for a single minute. At the commencement of the eighth day, his sufferings were so cruel that he begged, as a great favor, that they would kill him by strangulation.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS.

The following gentlemen were admitted members on Monday, the 14th inst.:—Dr. Hall Davis, 17, Russell Place, Fitzroy Square; Dr. Meryon, 14, Clarges Street.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

The following gentlemen were admitted members on Friday, the 11th inst.:—Benjamin Baker, Broadway, Worcestershire; John James Bird, Market-Rasen,

Lincolnshire; John Hall Bywater, Knottingley, Yorkshire; Frederick Hezekiah Hartshorne, Broseley, Salop; Edward Abraham Hancock Head, Stoke, Plymouth; James Rouse, Walham Green; William Johnson Rowland, Wargrave, Berkshire; Thomas Spencer, East Shilton, Leicestershire; John Hender Tickell, East Looe, Cornwall; Edmond Umphelby, Belstead, Suffolk.

THE FELLOWSHIP.—The following members, having undergone the necessary examinations, were admitted to the Fellowship:—William Adams, New Broad Street; James Alexander, London; Walter R. Howell Barker, Wantage; James Henry Butler, Bengal Army; James Cuthbert Ottaway, Dover.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

The following gentlemen passed their examinations on Thursday, the 10th inst.:—John Davies, London; James Hartley, Bury, Lancashire; Charles Matthias Meller, Ecclesfield, York; Watkin Rhys, Aberdare, Glamorgan; John James Ritchie, Tean, Staffordshire; Walter Smith, Caistor, Lincolnshire; Walter Kerr Waller, Lymington, Hants; John Wills, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

The following gentlemen also passed their examinations on Thursday, April 17th:—James Backhouse Bindloss, Manchester; Edward Evans, Cardiff; Edwd. Higgon Evans, Treffgame Hall, Haverfordwest; John Hebden, Scarborough; George May, Reading; Lewis Newnham, Uckfield, Surrey; Hugh Norris, South Petherton; William Johnson Rowlands; Charles Morton Sidley, Leicester.

APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. Hird has been appointed Lecturer at the Charing Cross Hospital School, in place of Mr. Wharton Jones; and Mr. Edwin Canton has succeeded Mr. Hird in the Chair of Anatomy.

Mr. Henry John Brown, of Wilmington-square, has been appointed surgeon to the Parochial Infirmary of Clerkenwell.

Mr. Thomas Carr Jackson, for some years the house-surgeon, has just been appointed assistant-surgeon to the Royal Free Hospital.

Dr. Hooper has been appointed assistant-physician to the Surrey Dispensary, in the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Dr. John Birkett.

Dr. Edward Smith has been elected lecturer on botany to the Charing Cross Hospital.

BOOKS RECEIVED FOR REVIEW.

The Prescribers' Pharmacopœia. Fourth Edition. London: J. Churchill, 1851. pp. 132.

Syphilitic Eruptions, with especial reference to the Use of Mercury. By Thos. Hunt, M.R.C.S., &c. London: J. Churchill. Pamphlet, pp. 25. 1851.

Practical Analysis of Seventy Cases of Inflammatory, Functional, and Structural Disease of the Heart. By J. Scott Alison, M.D. London: J. Churchill, 1851. Pamphlet, pp. 31.

The New York Journal of Medicine, March, 1851.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Dr. Tilt, Mr. Brown, Mr. Watts, Mr. Harvey.