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well as to our heart, and with this conviction do we stand forth as its warm advocates. Subscriptions will be received by Dr. Dickinson, the zealous secretary for this town; or by Robert Bickersteth, Esq., the President of the Local Association.

"As an object for charitable bequest this institution is peculiarly fitted. A happy reaction is likely before long to take place, and as formerly bequests were for the most part confined to the children of the lower classes, and in a few cases to those of tradesmen, so now it is confidently hoped that a far more desirable purpose will be served by the legacies of the benevolent. Few know the wretchedness of poverty so much as the educated; and in their case private feelings usually prevent the making known their sufferings. The northern metropolis, plethoric with its palaces for children, but poor in its hospitals for the sick or the decayed in worldly means, feels it to be an infliction whenever a testator wills his fortune in the former channel; and on a recent occasion spoke out through the press against the evil. But there has risen up in that city a strong desire liberally to endow a retreat for decayed gentewomen, and we wish it all success. Let the rich look to this, and learn to act with wisdom in the making of their bequests. In London a similar desire has more recently been emphatically expressed in favour of literary men, and a noble 'Guild' will ere long extend its aid to the man of letters. Governesses' Institutions on similar principles, and retreats for the widows and children of the clergy, are likely soon to extend the comforts of a home and the blessings of religion to those for whom they are intended. Here we find the medical profession large in numbers, far from rich as a body, and liberal in gifts of benevolence beyond that of any other profession, the clerical not excepted, asking help for the endowment of a building such as that for which we plead. Let them not ask for naught."

Such an address as this, emanating from the general press of the great commercial town of Liverpool, must indeed be gratifying to the founder and well-wishers of this noble institution, as well as productive of the greatest good in forwarding the consummation of their object.

With the view of assisting this benevolent undertaking, the medical men of Bedford held a meeting on Wednesday evening, the 17th of December, and unanimously passed the following resolutions, viz. :—

1. That the establishment of an asylum for distressed medical men and their widows, and a school for the education of their sons, is an object worthy of the cordial support of the profession, and has strong claims on the sympathy of the public.

2. That the members of the medical profession in Bedford forming this meeting pledge themselves by all available means to assist the accomplishment of so desirable an object, and earnestly exhort their professional brethren and friends throughout the country to aid them in carrying it out.

3. That a local Committee be formed, consisting of the following gentlemen, for the purpose of co-operating with the Central Committee in London, and of receiving

subscriptions and donations from the profession and public, namely :—Isaac Hurst, Esq., R. Couchman, Esq., W. Thurnall, Esq., Dr. Dick, J. Harris, Esq., W. Bailey, Esq., C. Robinson, Esq., and Dr. Barker.

4. That Isaac Hurst, Esq., F.R.C.S., be requested to accept the office of Chairman, and Dr. Barker that of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, to the Local Committee.

Several donations and subscriptions have already been promised in this town and neighbourhood.

Medical Intelligence.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS.

The following gentlemen were admitted members on Monday, December 22 :—Dr. Bishop, Albion Street, Hyde Park; Dr. Garrod, Hartley Street; Dr. Hassall, Park Street, Grosvenor Square; Dr. Wilks, Bethel Place, Camberwell.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

The following gentlemen were admitted members on the 19th ult. :—John Crown Agnis, Harewood square, Regent's Park; Lewis Hitchin Archer, Southampton Row; John Breakey, Monaghan; Erlin Clarke, Worcester; George Mallet Coventry, Ilanrwst, Denbighshire; Joseph Gibson Dowse, Manchester; Henry Greenway, Plymouth; Joseph James Harding, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; George Pishey Thompson Hill, Boston, Lincolnshire; Bernard Kavanagh, Limerick; Daniel O'Donovan, Limerick; Albert Daniel Smith, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire; Richard Wilkinson, Bradford, Yorkshire; John H. Wilson, Shrewsbury, Salop; John Hancock Wolstenholme, Bolton, Lancashire; William Talbot Young, Madras.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted members on Thursday, December 18th, 1851 :—Henry Powell Bannister, London; Richard Evans, Devonport; Frederick B. Fulcher, Maidstone; Henry John Harrison, London; James M'Cann, Ireland; Robert Brockman Newhouse, Dover; Josiah Ramskill, Leeds; Albert Taylor, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

The following gentlemen were also admitted on Wednesday, December 24th, 1851 :—Thomas William Craster, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Iberson Izod, Birmingham; Thomas Henry Mayne, Barnstaple, near Devon; Frederick White Palmer, Island House, near Loughborough; Charles Pardey, Leeds; Charles Warden, Birmingham.

SUFFOLK ASYLUM.

The Visiting Justices of the Suffolk Asylum, with their Medical Officer, have transmitted a memorial to the Secretary of State on the subject of the removal of criminal lunatics from hospitals for the insane.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

M.D. EXAMINATION. 1851.

First Division: Robert Growse, Guy's Hospital; Samuel Osborne Habershon, Guy's Hospital; William Bird Herapath, Bristol Medical School and London Hospital; John Braxton Hicks, Guy's Hospital; Chas. Bland Radcliffe, Leeds School of Medicine; Henry Hyde Salter, King's College.—*Second Division:* Arthur Hill Hassall, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland; James Jones, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

APPOINTMENTS.

John R. Grahamsley, M.D., of the University of Edinburgh, and Honorary Assistant-Physician of the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, Morningside, has been appointed Resident Medical Superintendent of the Worcester City and County Lunatic Asylum. There were 57 candidates for the appointment.

Dr. Chambers has been elected Physician to the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road.

MORE ARSENIC POISONING.

At the Court of Assizes in France, Helen Jegado, a servant, was put upon her trial for seven murders by arsenic, in 1850. The evidence showed that, during her life, no less than forty-three persons had been poisoned by her, including several of her mistresses, masters, and fellow-servants. Her counsel pleaded insanity, but the jury gave no credit to such a monomania, and found her guilty. She was accordingly sentenced to be executed.

INOCULATION AND VACCINATION.

An interesting instance of the value of inoculation under certain circumstances, has just occurred among the Sac and Fox Indians. The small-pox, which is usually so fatal to the aboriginal race, and which sometimes sweeps off whole tribes at once, recently appeared in the Sac and Fox community, and there they were induced to die, encamp together, and be inoculated with small-pox virus. Fifteen hundred, out of twenty-six hundred, submitted to the operation, and not one died that was not previously affected with the disease. About 110 have died before this measure was adopted. None took the disease who had been previously vaccinated.—*New York Medical Times.*

MIDLAND OBSERVATORY.

Mr. Henry Lawson, of Bath, has offered to transfer the whole of his valuable astronomical, meteorological, and optical apparatus, (cost £10,000,) together with a contribution of 1,000 guineas, to trustees, for the purpose of founding a Midland Observatory. The Town Council, before whom the subject was brought, had no power to vote money for the purpose; but a public subscription is likely to be set on foot.—*Medical Times.*

FREE CANCER HOSPITAL.

A widow lady residing in Berkshire, has offered fifty guineas, to be paid in March next, in aid of the funds of the Free Cancer Hospital, Cannon Row, Parliament Street, provided nineteen other similar sums be forthcoming at that time for the like charitable purpose. Communications to be addressed to the chairman, the Hon. Colonel Ogilvy, or the secretary, Mr. W. J. Cockerill, No. 1, Cannon Row, Westminster. We can hardly doubt that this most generous proposition will be rendered available, and that benevolent persons will be found to make up the required amount.—*Globe.*

OBITUARY.

December 21st, at Cockermouth, aged 27 years, Dr. Addison Byers.

At his residence, 5, Oriel Place, Cheltenham, Dr. James Arthur, aged 71.

BOOKS RECEIVED FOR REVIEW.

Neuralgia; its various Forms, Pathology, and Treatment. By C. Toogood Downing, M.D., M.R.C.S. (The Jacksonian Prize, 1851.) London: J. Churchill, pp. 375.

Monthly Journal of Medical Science, Dec., 1851.

London Journal of Medicine, Dec., 1851.

PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

Gentlemen will observe that the Annual Subscriptions become due on the First of January, those 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, Worcester.

Members who wish to propose Associates are reminded, that as the subscription commenced on the first of January, it is the most convenient time to introduce new Associates.

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, January, 1852.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Dr. Oke, Mr. Reid, Dr. Cormack, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Harvey, and the Manchester Medico-Ethical Society.

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.