

of the owners of such establishments, so to say, beyond suspicion, I should still condemn a system which depended only upon individual character as a security against abuses; and the painful duty of exposing the nature of the conduct of these gentlemen, in too many instances, is only forced upon us by those who appeal to their high reputation and impeccability as a reason for casting suspicion upon the complaints, and deriding the apprehensions of those who have escaped from their authority, and as an argument for acquiescing in a vicious state of the law, from which, however much it must be admitted, no evil consequences are likely to follow.

I have already been compelled to trespass, I fear, too much upon your valuable time and attention, and I must reserve my observations upon the letter of "An Associate Member of Council," if you will allow me, to another opportunity.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient humble servant,

JOHN PERCEVAL.

Kensington, Feb. 25, 1852.

Medical Intelligence.

QUEEN'S HOSPITAL, BIRMINGHAM.

At a recent meeting of the Committee of Council of the Queen's Hospital, Dr. David Nelson resigned his office of Physician to that Institution. At the same time the Committee of Council passed a vote of thanks to Dr. Nelson for his past services to the charity.

APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. W. Wright has been appointed Surgeon to the Whitehaven and West Cumberland Infirmary.

His Excellency Lord Cowley has appointed Dr. Olliffe Physician to the British Embassy at Paris.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

The following gentlemen were admitted members on February 27th:—Robert Beales, Leicester; Edwin Bennett, Dorchester; Edward Henry Fitzhenry, Liverpool; Richard Gregory Cornall, Newton Heath, Lancashire; Walter Jeasop, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire; John Page Julian, Little Blakenham, Suffolk; John Lumsdaine, Hon. East India Company's Service; Edwin Josiah Miles, Gillingham, Dorset; John Norton, Kennington; John Pring, Bristol; Septimus William Sibley, Great Ormond Street; James Kemp Welch, Christchurch, Hants; J. Pleydell Wilton, Gloucester.

The following gentlemen were admitted on the 5th instant:—Aaron Atkins, Mile End Road; Bernard Charles Beale, Bedford Square, Steyne; James Henry Crisp, Bath; Charles Goring, Demerara; William Phillips Kirkman, Woodbridge, Suffolk; James M'Cann, Parliament Street; Charles Thomas Paske, Hon. East India Company's Service; Wm. Pilkington, Leyland, Lancashire; Samuel Rhind, Ross, Herefordshire; Stephen Walmsley, Liverpool.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted members on Thursday, March 4th:—John Breay Butcher, Devonport; Thomas Habbes Cresswell.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.

At a special meeting of the SOUTH-WESTERN DISTRICT BRANCH of the Association, held at the Exeter Dispensary, on Wednesday, March 10, for the purpose of considering and discussing the "Draft Bill for Medical Reform," P. W. Swaine, Esq., of Devonport, the President, in the chair, the various clauses of the Draft Bill having been duly considered and discussed,

It was resolved unanimously,—

"That in the absence of sufficient information, this meeting desires to suspend its opinion relative to clauses 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.

"That the following alterations and additions be recommended in clause 15:—That, 'for a period of four years' be substituted 'for a period of not less than five years'; and that the following regulation be added—viz., that no pupil be admitted to an University, or other regular School of Medicine to hear lectures unless he shall have previously undergone a matriculation examination to prove that he possesses sufficient elementary professional knowledge as will enable him to profit by the course of study established in such school or University; and this meeting strongly urges this suggestion upon the attention of the Central Council, as it would render highly profitable a period of time too frequently turned to little account in the acquirement of knowledge, practical and theoretical, and would also prevent the necessity of such expenditure of time and money at the metropolitan schools as is contemplated by the present clause.

"That in regard to clauses 17, 18, and 19, the following be introduced, viz.:—'That certain trustees be elected from the general body of the profession, in whom shall be vested the power of disposing of all surplus monies, whether derived from fees arising from registration, examination, or from penalties; and that such trustees shall not be members of the Council or of the Examining Board.'

"That this meeting entirely approve of all the clauses referring to registration and penalties.

"That the best thanks of this meeting be given to the Committee of the Dispensary for their kindness in allowing the Association the use of their room.

"That the best thanks of this meeting be given to the President, P. W. Swaine, Esq., for his able conduct in the chair."

W. D. KINGDON, M.D., Secretary.

Exeter, March 10, 1852.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Mr. Solomon, E. B., Nil Desperandum, Chirurgus, Mr. Ikin, Birmingham Pathological Society.

A Member, Wellington, Somerset, is informed that the usual fee paid for the medical examination of a pauper lunatic under the Act 8 and 9 Vict., is one guinea, increased according to the distance from the residence of the medical examiner.

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.