

for every scholar so nominated the sum of £15 shall be paid yearly.

The President, Vice-Presidents, and Treasurer of every society subscribing to be *ex officio* members of the Council.

I respectfully submit this scheme to the consideration of the Council of the Medical College, believing it will harmonize with the steps already taken, and tend to facilitate and hasten the accomplishment of their benevolent object.

There are several County Benevolent Societies existing, which have accomplished, and continue to confer, a large amount of benefit in their several localities. I will take the Kent, with which I am connected, as a specimen of them. The remarks which apply to this will most probably apply to the others.

The Kent Medical Benevolent Society was established in the year 1787. The amount of capital accumulated in the year 1851 was £6450 in three per cent. consols, (which sum is on no account to be diminished below £3300 stock,) producing an annual income of £186. 8s. 1d. The number of members at the same period was 141, who subscribe £1. 1s. each annually, making £148. 1s., thus giving an annual income of £334. 9s. 1d.

The number of members deceased is 162, of whom forty, or nearly twenty-five per cent., have received assistance to the amount of £10,827. 15s. since the establishment of the society. The number of recipients have, on the average of the last ten years, been 8.5, who have received annual grants to the amount of £225. The grants made in 1851 were, £35 each to four widows, £30 each to two widows, and £10 towards the education of the son of a deceased member, making a total of £210.

I think the time has arrived when the Society ought to take into their serious consideration, the policy of increasing their capital without any scheme for its ultimate appropriation. Should the Council of the College adopt the plan proposed, I should recommend that the sum of £1000 should be subscribed to that institution. This would reduce the annual income by something less than £32, but would afford the means of granting a house and home to five individuals, and securing a good education and board to five young persons, at a cost of £15 each, or £50 less than it could otherwise be obtained for. Should the ten nominations be filled up, and the Society pay the whole of the pensions—viz. £150 a year—there will still be an income of £150 to appropriate to those cases which it would be desirable and necessary to assist as heretofore, and which, judging from the past, would be amply sufficient for the purpose. It, however, by no means follows, that the Society should in every case pay the pension for their scholars; a nomination would in many instances be a great assistance. The necessary regulations for the appropriation of these nominations would of course be framed by the Society.

The adoption of this proposition would, I feel convinced, increase and extend the means of usefulness, without in the least involving the independent action of the Society, which is essential to its permanent existence and support. I am not acquainted with the actual number of societies existing, but I may mention the London, the Norfolk and Norwich, the Hertford and Essex, the Surrey, the Kent, and one in Yorkshire, I believe. A subscription of £1000 each from these would produce one-fourth of the required capital!

If by these observations the parties interested should be induced to adopt the propositions severally made, and thus hasten the consummation of a great and good work, I shall be gratified thereby, and am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Dover, March, 1852.

GEO. SOULBY.

Medical Intelligence.

APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. Joseph MacLise, F.R.C.S., has just been elected Assistant-surgeon to the University College Hospital, in the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. William Cadge.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS.

The following gentlemen were admitted Members of the College on Monday, April 5th:—Dr. Henry Folkard, Old Brompton; Dr. Liebermann, Clapham Road; Dr. Prout, Royal Hospital, Chelsea; Dr. Salter, Montague Street, Russell Square. Also Dr. Osborn, Southampton, was admitted an Extra-Licentiate.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

The following gentlemen were admitted members on the 26th ultimo:—Richard Sumner Fowler, Bath; Henry Homer Grainger, Skipton-in-Craven, Yorks; William Harboard, Hull; Frederick Ashton Heath, Manchester; William James, Newport, Monmouthshire; John Lister Bertram King, Belgrave Square; Samuel Buckland Mitchell, Kingston-upon-Thames; Constantine Casidi Reade, Army.

The following gentlemen were also admitted on the 2nd instant.—John Mathew Burke, London; George William Carr, Kincardine, Upper Canada; Charles Richard Crossley, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire; John Brendon Curgenven, Highgate; William Evans, Anglesey; William Richard Grylls, Sydney, New South Wales; William Haynes, Hon. East India Company's Service, Bengal; Iberson Izod, Birmingham; William Young Geeves, Sharrow Grange, Yorkshire; Charles Lee, Woodbridge, Suffolk; Robert Francis Symmons, Bures, Suffolk.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted members on the 25th ultimo:—Thomas George David Davies, St. Andrew's Court, Holborn Hill; Samuel Drew, Cornwall; Alfred Freer, Stourbridge, Worcestershire; John Hemming, Kimbolton; Alfred Jackson; John Moysey Bartlett Langworthy, Modbury, Devon; Patrick James Mullarky, Margate; John Vinall, Sutton Place, Hackney; John Wilcox, Birmingham.

The following gentlemen were also admitted on April 1st:—William Field Bellin, Great Yarmouth; George Vause Birks, Manchester; Thomas Quiller Couch, Polpero, Cornwall; Charles Richard Crossley, Ashby-de-la-Zouch; Alfred Hedger, South Street, West Square; Arthur Robert Lomax, Hereford; Henry John Davis Mathews, Denmark Hill; Joseph Dunn Nelson, Exeter; Thomas White, Chester.

ERRATUM.—In Mr. King's paper "On Uterine Hæmorrhage," in our last *Journal*, page 168, second column, 20 lines from the bottom, for "on dividing the head" read "on dividing the cord."

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Mr. Perceval, Justitia, Mr. West, Dr. Russell, and Dr. Nelson. *Stockport Medical Society*.—The resolutions passed at the monthly meeting of the Stockport Medical Society, upon the Medical Reform Bill, will be inserted in our next.