

Flint, Esq., of Leek, in the Chair; the following resolutions were carried unanimously:—

"That this meeting fully admits the necessity which exists for a well-considered plan of Medical Reform; and while it observes with satisfaction that the bill lately introduced into Parliament by Sir Jas. Graham, 'for the better regulation of Medical Practice throughout the United Kingdom,' contains many beneficial clauses, yet, in the opinion of this meeting, if the bill in its present form be permitted to pass into a law, it cannot fail to prove detrimental to the public, and seriously injurious to the medical profession.

"That the Apothecaries' Act of 1815, although imperfect, has proved of great service to the public, and by requiring a higher standard of professional knowledge of the Medical Student, previous to examination, has thereby contributed to the advancement of medical science; and the unconditional repeal of that law will not only prove injurious to the public, but unjust to the profession. That in the opinion of this meeting, the infliction of a penalty by a summary legal process on all persons who shall practice medicine or surgery, without being on the register, would operate as a powerful check to such practice."

Petitions to both Houses of Parliament were adopted, and a committee was appointed to watch over the progress of the measure, and to take such steps as may be judged advisable to obtain the co-operation of Peers and Members of Parliament connected with the northern division of the county, in endeavouring to get the objectionable clauses of the bill amended.

The movers and seconders of resolutions were Dr. Wilson, Messrs. Davenport, Goddard, J. B. Davis, Booth, Garner, Seddon, Astle, Tait, Head, Walker, and M'Bean; and among other gentlemen present were Dr. Mackenzie, Dr. Wood, Messrs. Blunt, Bakewell, Davenport, jun., H. Davies, Dudley, C. Flint, Hallam, Harrison, Spark, Troutbeck, and S. M. Turner.

DERBY MEETING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL JOURNAL.

SIR,

I have to beg the favour of you to give insertion in your next number to the following few words of explanation, to render the report of what I said at the Derby meeting more intelligible.

All plate must have the stamp of Goldsmiths' Hall, as the test of its purity.

No pilot, I believe, can be allowed to direct the course of a ship until he has been examined and approved by the Trinity House.

And no one can act as a district surveyor until he has undergone examination, and is approved by examiners appointed under the recent Building Act.

After having adverted to the fact, not generally known, of the distinction to be made between the professional and the trading portions of the Company of Apothecaries, between which there is no necessary connection, although I am not in the confidence of that Society, I have reason to believe, on what I consider to be good authority, that the Society do not desire to retain exclusively the right to direct the edu-

cation, examination, and licensing of the candidates for general practice, if this power is conferred on persons belonging to the order of general practitioners; and in addition, I would beg leave to recommend the careful perusal of the "Address" recently published by the Society of Apothecaries, as a most able analysis of Sir James Graham's Bill.

I remain Sir,

Very faithfully yours,

THOMAS MARTIN.

Reigate, Nov. 22, 1844.

PETITION OF YORKSHIRE PHYSICIANS.

The following being the concluding paragraph of the petition agreed upon at a meeting of physicians practising in York, and the West Riding of Yorkshire, held at Normanton, was accidentally omitted in last week's Journal:—

"That your Petitioners respectfully pray that you would introduce such other modifications in the details of the proposed measure, more especially with reference to the 'Council of Health,' which your deliberative wisdom may suggest, and which may realize the reasonable wishes of the Practitioners of the United Kingdom, may augment the efficiency of the proposed bill, and secure from ultimate defeat a legislative effort, made with the honest desire of obviating the injurious anomalies of a profession in whose honour and ability are deeply involved the interests of every subject of these realms.

MEDICAL INTELLIGENCE.

M. Ballard has recently been elected a Member of the Academy of Sciences, in the Section of Chemistry, in the room of M. D'Arcet, deceased.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Gentlemen admitted Members, on Friday, Nov. 15, 1844:—H. Browne, J. C. Forster, T. R. Trayer, W. B. Ferguson, J. P. Ramskill, J. Johnston, S. S. Brame, H. E. Cullen, S. Mossop, E. H. Vinen, N. Mannix, J. Squire.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Mr. Sands Cox; A General Practitioner, of thirty years standing; Mr. A. J. Wood; Dr. Chadwick; The Sheffield Medical Society; Mr. J. Morley; A Provincial Surgeon.

If a Member of the Association will give his address, he shall receive an answer on the subject of his letter, which will, we doubt not, prove satisfactory to him. We may take this opportunity of observing, that we cannot undertake always to attend to communications which are not authenticated by the signature of the writers.

It is requested that all letters and communications be sent to Dr. Streeten, Foregate Street, Worcester. Parcels, and books for review, may be addressed to the Editor of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Journal, care of Mr. Churchill, Prince's Street, Soho.