

5th.—“That as laws have been enacted against the practice of medicine by unqualified individuals, and enforced from time to time in this country, and in France, the Netherlands, Germany, Italy, and other European nations, it is expedient that an enquiry be made into the operation and results of these laws, so that past legislative experience may be rendered subservient to more effectual legislation.”

6th.—“That petitions in conformity with these resolutions be presented at the commencement of the next Session to both Houses of Parliament.”

7th.—“That copies of these resolutions be sent to Sir James Graham, and to the members for the city.”

8th.—“That the following gentlemen be appointed a Committee to watch the progress of the bill, and to take such steps as shall appear expedient:—Drs. Goldie, Laycock, and Thurnam; Messrs. Williams, Anderson, Husband, and Wm. Matterson, jun.”

WM. MATTERSON, jun.,
Hon. Secretary.

GLOUCESTER INFIRMARY PETITION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND
SURGICAL JOURNAL.

Sir,

I beg to inclose a copy of a petition which my colleagues and myself have agreed to present to Parliament on the subject of Sir James Graham's Bill;

And am, Sir, your obedient,

ALFRED J. WOOD.

3, Barton Street, Nov. 20, 1844.

“To the Honourable the Commons of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled.

“The Humble Petition of the undersigned, the Physicians and Surgeons of the Gloucester General Infirmary.

SHewETH,

“That your Petitioners feel bound to express their gratitude to her Majesty's Government for having, in the bill brought forward by Sir James Graham, afforded a distinct recognition of the claims of the medical profession to the consideration of the Legislature, and for their intention of placing in definite connection with the State.

“That your Petitioners highly approve of the constitution of a supreme Council of Health and Medical Education, which will form, as they anticipate, one central court of appeal for all branches and classes of the profession, with power and independence sufficient to remove irregularities and to redress grievances, and thus to promote a more perfect organization than has hitherto existed. And they are further of opinion that the requirement of the uniform registration of all, whether physicians or surgeons, or licentiates of medicine and surgery, in the United Kingdom, will provide what is much to be desired, namely, a broad and simple distinguishing line between those who are, and those who are not, legally authorised to practice.

“Your Petitioners, however, humbly submit to your Honourable House, that the great principle of the bill would be more fully carried out by the withdrawal of

the sanction of her Majesty's Government from the sale of patent medicines, and the prohibition, under a penalty, of the advertisements of empirics. And they, therefore, most respectfully request of your Honourable House that these subjects may receive your serious consideration.

“And your Petitioners shall ever pray, &c.”

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, BIRMINGHAM.

The consecration of the Chapel of this establishment, being the first Collegiate Chapel in this country appropriated to the use of the Medical Profession, took place on Friday, November 15th, with the accustomed religious ceremonies. The Bishop of Worcester, as Bishop of the diocese in which Birmingham is situated, performed the service, assisted by the Rev. Chancellor Law and the Warden of the College. The Chapel was crowded, and in addition to the patrons of the College, the Dean of the Faculty, Professors, and Students, there were present many of the clergy of the town and neighbourhood, and a large number of persons of consideration, who have taken an active interest in the formation of this school.

MEDICAL INTELLIGENCE.

Mr. John Hilton, Lecturer on Anatomy and Physiology at Guy's Hospital, has been appointed Assistant Surgeon to the Hospital.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted Licentiates of the Apothecaries' Company, Nov. 21, 1844:—John Rider; Charles Joseph Tomkins; Abraham Hoskins; Frederick Gaunt; Henry Smith Palmer; Thomas Watts; Leopold Beharrill Fox.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

A Practical Enquiry into the Value of Medicinal Naphtha in Tubercular Phthisis. By Edward Octavius Hocken, M.D., Physician to the Blenheim Street Infirmary and Free Dispensary, &c. &c. London: Highley. 1844. 8vo., pp. 72.

Remarks upon the Mortality of Exeter; together with Suggestions towards the Improvement of the Public Health. By Thomas Shapter, M.D., Physician to the Dispensary, &c. London: Churchill. 1844. 8vo., pp. 32.

An Apology for the Nerves: or their Influence and Importance in Health and Disease. By Sir George Lefevre, M.D., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, &c. &c. London: Longmans. 1844. Post 8vo., pp. 363.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Mr. Boulbee; Mr. T. P. Oates; Fair Play; Mr. C. Vines; Mr. Robson; Mr. Houlton; Dr. Webster; and Mr. Brickenall.

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, Princes Street, Soho.