

Colleges of Physicians or Surgeons of England, Scotland, or Ireland respectively, or by the Royal College of General Practitioners in Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery of England, shall be of any force until a copy thereof, sealed with the seal of the same College, shall have been laid before and approved by the said Council of Health.

25. *Registry of Students.*—And be it enacted, that it shall be lawful for the said council to make regulations for ensuring that in every city and town possessing a medical or surgical school, an annual register shall be kept of all students of the several medical and surgical schools, whether connected with any university, Royal college, hospital, or other public medical or surgical institution in that city or town, and to authorize the taking of a fee for such registration, not being more in each case than two shillings and sixpence for each annual registration, and for requiring all such fees to be remitted to the secretary of the said Council, and returns to be made to them of the registration of all such students, in such manner and form as the council shall think fit, and all such fees shall be applied toward the expenses of this act; and no medical or surgical student shall be admitted to examination by any of the said colleges without certificates of his having been duly registered conformably to such regulations.

[The remaining clauses of the Bill will be published next week, and our readers will then be able to follow the further alterations which may be made in the progress of the measure through the Committee, when it again comes before the House.]

THE BENEVOLENT FUND.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL JOURNAL.

SIR,

I have for many months past, suggested to some friends of mine, the most easy and effectual plan for raising a benevolent fund at once; and one that would be sufficiently large in amount to meet all cases of emergency and distress, and in the end make an ample sum.

I beg to propose that every member of the Association be requested to collect, from his patients and friends, in shilling subscriptions, the sum of one guinea, and pay it to the treasurer early this year.

If the amount of subscriptions do not keep pace with the disbursements, the collections might be renewed every fifth or seventh year.

It is my intention to transmit to the treasurer the sum of one guinea, very soon, and I trust and hope that every member will exert himself to the utmost, till a permanent fund is established.

The most wealthy of us from unfortunate speculations, or long continued illness in the decline of life, may stand in need of such a fund, and if pecuniary embarrassments should not arise, it may be a death-bed consolation to know that our children may reap the benefit, should they require it, and it may be numbered with the great advantages to be derived from our prosperous Association.

Believe me to remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

WM. NORRIS.

Stourbridge, April 30, 1845.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Gentlemen admitted members on Friday, May 16, 1845:—J. Stringfield; T. F. Grimsdale; J. W. Abell; J. Woods; R. Allen; T. C. Richardson; W. R. Hawks; T. C. Morison; H. F. A. Goodridge; J. Berry; C. Sproull.

Gentlemen admitted members on Friday, May 23, 1845:—R. Lumb; H. C. Hood; J. C. Martin; B. S. Hopewell; M. A. Savage; J. A. Walcott; T. B. Evans; H. J. Fotherby.

PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION.

SUFFOLK BRANCH.

The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the New Assembly Room, Ipswich, on Friday, the 30th instant, at two o'clock.

The meeting is appointed earlier than usual, for the purpose of enabling the members to consider the provisions of Sir James Graham's Amended Bill, previous to its re-committal on the 9th of June.

C. R. BREE, Hon. Sec.

Stowmarket, May 20, 1845.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Sixth Annual Report of the Registrar General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, in England. London: 1845. 8vo., pp. lxiv., and 666.

Pulmonary Consumption successfully treated with Naphtha, &c.; and an Appendix, showing the Utility of Puncturing Tuberculous Cavities, as an Adjuvant in the Cure of Phthisis. Second Edition. By John Hastings, M.D., Senior Physician to the Blenheim Street Dispensary. London: Churchill. 1845. 8vo, pp. 260.

Hints to Mothers and other Persons interested in the Management of Females at the Age of Puberty. By Jonathan Toogood, Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians, F.R.C.S., and Senior Medical Officer of the Bridgewater Infirmary. London: Churchill. 1845. 8vo., pp. 20.

A Few Words on the Claims of the Medical Profession upon the Public. By John Robinson, M.B. Second Edition. London: Churchill. 1845. 8vo., pp. 8.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from E. G.; Oculatus; Messrs. Dorrington and Franklin; Dr. G. Fife.

T. P. F.—There can be no question that the conduct of any physician or surgeon who, after having been called into consultation, shall repeat his visits to the patient, without the knowledge or consent of the attendant practitioner, is highly improper, and calculated to weaken that mutual confidence which ought at all times to characterize professional intercourse.

A Constant Reader.—It must depend upon the terms of the Charter of Incorporation of the new College of General Practitioners, whether A.B. will be entitled to be admitted a Member of that College, and to register as a General Practitioner. It is only as a registered General Practitioner that he will be able legally to recover his charges for medicine and attendance.