

the names of the leading persons who promote it, and who are parties to the proposed organization, must be declared."

As a preliminary step to complying with Sir James Graham's requirements, the Society invites attention to the following points, as involving the principles of the PROPOSED COLLEGE OF LICENTIATES IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY:—

The qualification of the individuals to be incorporated.

1. In the first instance.
2. Subsequently to the grant of the Charter.

The Council, or Governing Body.

Number,

Qualification,

Elections:

1. Qualification of Electors,
2. Manner of Voting,

Duration of Office.

The Court of Examiners.

Number,

Qualification,

Mode of Appointment,

Duration of Office.

The Society of Apothecaries express themselves willing "to receive the expression of the views of the general practitioners throughout the kingdom, through the medium of their local associations, on the details of the proposed scheme of incorporation, and to smooth the way for mutual explanation and mutual concession, and to assist in effecting such an agreement among their brethren, at least upon the main features of the plan, as shall enable the Society to lay before her Majesty's Government, on behalf of the general practitioners of this country, a scheme which may fairly represent the wishes of the great majority of that body."

We shall hope to publish the entire document next week, but cannot conclude this notice of it without expressing the opinion, which all must entertain, of the noble and truly disinterested manner in which the Society have thus come forward. "They have," as they observe, "no personal, corporate, or local interests, to advocate. The very existence of an independent College of General Practitioners, implies a resignation, on the part of the Society, of all further interference with the education or controul over the affairs of the general practitioners. They will have only one aim and object therefore left to them, namely, to see the general practitioners in the full enjoyment of an independent organization, and to lend their zealous help to the success of that measure."

ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, PARIS.

M. Valenciennes has been elected to the vacancy in the section of Natural History, caused by the death of Geoffroy St. Hilaire. M. Valenciennes obtained 33 votes; M. Duvernoy, 17; and M. Dujardin, 3. MM. D'Orbigny, Bibron, Guerin, Meneville, and Gervais, were also candidates.

ACADEMY OF MEDICINE, PARIS.

At the election of Office Bearers for the year 1845, M. Caventou was chosen President; M. Rodie, Vice-President; M. Dubois, d'Amiens, Secretary; M. Merat, Treasurer; and MM. Ferrus, Begin, and Cernac, Members of the Council.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL JOURNAL.

SIR,

I am directed to forward, for your information, the following communication, which has been addressed by the Society of Apothecaries to the President of this Association.

I am, Sir, your very obedient servant,
C. H. ROGERS, Hon. Secretary.

Exeter Hall, Jan. 5, 1845.

Sir,—I am desired to inform you that the Court of Assistants of this Society has unanimously confirmed a report of the Act of Parliament Committee, communicating the statement made to the deputation from the Medical Associations who honoured the Society with an interview on the 10th inst., and recommending that the Committee should be authorised to take such steps as might be deemed expedient for approaching the Crown on the subject of a Charter of Incorporation of the General Practitioners, and I am further desired to inform you that the Committee are prepared to act without loss of time on the instructions which they have received from the Court of Assistants, to carry out the recommendation of their report.

I am, Sir, your most obedient servant,

ROBT. B. UPTON,
Clerk to the Society.

Apothecaries' Hall, Dec. 26, 1844.

Dr. Webster, Dulwich.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS.

Licentiates admitted December 23, 1844:—James Henry Bennett, M.D., London; Robert C. Edwards, London; James Milman Coley, Bridgnorth; Herbert Davies, M.B., Fellow of Queen's College, Cambridge.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Elements of the Comparative Anatomy of the Vertebrate Animals, designed especially for the use of Students. By Rudolph Wagner, M.D., Professor of Comparative Anatomy and Physiology in the University of Göttingen, &c. &c. Edited from the German, by Alfred Tulk, M.R.C.S.E. London: Longman and Co., 1845. pp. 264.

Medical Report of the Case of Miss H—M—. By T. M. Greenhow, Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England; Senior Surgeon to the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Infirmary, and Eye Infirmary. London: Highley. 1845. pp. 26.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We have to apologise to several correspondents for the delay which has taken place in inserting their communications. The continuation of Dr. Durrant's Observations on Physical Diagnosis, and the letter from Mr. Howard, of Hebden Bridge, will be inserted next week.

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, Princess Street, Soho.