

both tended to the glory of God, by the investigation of his works and his knowledge. He had long been deeply interested in subjects like the present. It had been his great desire to improve himself in them, knowing that the more he studied, the more his mind was strengthened with, he might say, the strongest proofs in favour of theology and religion. The excellent Chairman concluded with an impressive exhortation to the students present, to make a right use of the wondrous objects of creation, which they were called upon to contemplate.

Mr. Young, of Wells, requested that Mr. Crosse would publish his very eloquent and excellent address.

The Right Rev. Chairman believed it was irregular for a Chairman to second a resolution, but he would go beyond his path, and though it was irregular he hoped he was the mouth-piece of the assembly in seconding the resolution. Mr. Crosse had read them an address, from which they had profitted, and he trusted he would give it to the world, that others who were unable to be present might read and profit likewise.

Mr. Crosse said, after the wish so strongly expressed that the proceedings of the day should gain further publicity by the printing of the address he had delivered, he could not withhold his grateful assent.—
(Condensed from the *Norwich Mercury*.)

MEDICAL ANNUITY FUND.

[The following notice relating to the proceedings of Mr. Daniell's Committee on the Medical Annuity Fund, appears in the *Northampton Herald* of last week]:—

We solicit attention, particularly on the part of our readers, to an announcement, in our advertising columns, of a Medical Annuity Fund, just established on a great and comprehensive scale. Surprise has long been felt, and often expressed, that a class so numerous and important as the medical profession, should have no annuity fund as a provision for its decayed members, or for the widows and orphans belonging to its body. That there have been, for years, medical benefit societies, in several parts of the kingdom, is true; and that their utility, as far as they have gone, has been great, is equally true; but their number being small, and their sphere of action merely local, their operations have been necessarily circumscribed, inadequate, and, we had almost said, nugatory. The important institution now organized, and which, we hope, is destined to effect a vast amount of future good, is based upon a much wider circumference. It is founded under the auspices and express sanction of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association, but is by no means confined to members of that great and influential body. It is open to all classes of the profession throughout the empire; the only pre-requisite to admission, (and that a very proper one, we think,) being the possession of a legal qualification to practise. We understand that this highly benevolent project was first conceived by Mr. Daniell, surgeon, of Newport Pagnel; who, for months past, has laboured to mature it, with a zeal, assiduity, and perseverance worthy of all praise. He brought it under the notice of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association during the late meeting at

Sheffield, in an eloquent address; and the plan was received with such favour than an able and influential committee was forthwith appointed to arrange the details, and put the matter into a practical and business-like shape. The result is, that a General Medical Annuity Fund, on the "co-operative" or "self-supporting" principle, has been called into existence. As far as we are capable of judging, it only wants the countenance of the Faculty to ensure its success, and to make it the commencement of a new era in the internal polity of the medical profession.

PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.

At the late anniversary meeting of this Branch of the Association, at Bristol, John Grant Wilson, Esq., Surgeon to the General Hospital, Bristol, was elected a member of the Council. The resolution was accidentally omitted by Mr. Hetling, the secretary of the Branch, in his report of the meeting, and Mr. Wilson's name was in consequence not included in the list submitted to the general meeting at Sheffield. The omission will be rectified at the next general meeting.

REPORTED ILLNESS OF MR. WAKLEY.

The report of the illness of Mr. Wakley, to which we recently gave insertion, on the authority of a London paper, turns out to be incorrect. We can assure the Editor of the *Lancet*, that it is with real pleasure we find ourselves enabled to correct the error into which we had been led.

OBITUARY.

Lately, at Brussels, M. Pelletan, formerly Professor of Natural Philosophy to the Faculty of Medicine at Paris.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION.

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Members of the Association who have not yet received the volume of "Transactions" for the current year, are requested to inform the Secretary of the omission, at the same time pointing out in what manner their copies can be forwarded to them free of expense.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Dr. Bull; Dr. Chambers; Mr. W. Allison; Mr. Bury; Mr. R. Turner; Mr. Macaulay; and Mr. J. Dicken. Will *Isopos* favour us with his name.

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.