

COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS.—A *CONVERSAZIONE* was given by the President and Fellows on Saturday, June 28, at the College, Pall-Mall East. The visitors were received by Dr. Paris, President of the College, in the Censors' room, and afterwards passed into the Library, upon the tables of which were rare books and ingenious philosophical instruments. Among the company were the Bishops of Manchester, St. Asaph, Chester, and Oxford; the Earl of Harrowby; the Earl of Rosse; Lord de Mauley; Lord Colborne; the Lord Chief-Baron; Mr. Baron Parke; Mr. Justice Coleridge; the Vice-Chancellor; M. Majendie; Professor Otto; Baron Dunckink Holmfeld; Moonshee Syed Abdoollah; Senor Don Joaquin Alfonso; Professors Daubeny, Graham, Wheatstone, Owen; Sir D. Brewster; Sir C. Fellows; Sir J. South; Sir H. Ellis; Sir H. De la Beche; Sir A. Knight, M.D.; Sir W. Newton; Sir C. Clarke, M.D.; Archdeacons Hale, Sinclair, Robinson, and Brooks; Rev. Dr. Major; Dr. R. Bright; Dr. C. Locock; Dr. R. Ferguson; Dr. Marshall Hall, etc. Refreshments upon the most liberal scale were provided. The company broke up shortly after eleven. Another *conversazione* will take place before the close of the season.

PHARMACY BILL. Mr. Jacob Bell of Oxford-street, recently introduced a measure into Parliament for the purpose of elevating the druggists into the rank of professional men. It was read *pro forma* a second time in the House of Commons; and was then delayed till next Session. The measure is not likely to be supported by the medical profession. As St. Alban's, the burgh for which Mr. Bell sits, may be disfranchised (for the abominable way in which the electors took bribes at the last election); and as a general election is soon expected, the bill is likely to require another guardian.

PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION. The Nineteenth Anniversary Meeting of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association will be held at Brighton, on Wednesday the 13th, and Thursday the 14th of August next. Dr. G. S. Jenks is the president elect, and the address on Surgery will be delivered by Mr. Benjamin Vallance of Brighton; that on Medicine by Dr. William King. Dr. Mantell will lecture on the Medical Topography of Sussex, with copious illustrations. The meeting is expected to be one of unusual interest and importance; and many of the élite of the profession in London are expected to attend.

NEW LUNATIC ASYLUM AT COLNEY HATCH. This new asylum for the county of Middlesex was opened on the 1st July. It is the largest asylum in Europe. The galleries have octagon ends, pierced with windows in accordance with Dr. Conolly's suggestion, in order that the patients when walking in them may escape the dreary aspect of a dead wall.

TESTIMONIAL TO DR. LAYCOCK, OF YORK. A handsome silver tea-service has been presented to Dr. Thomas Laycock, of York, by the Associated Licentiates Extra Urbem of the College of Physicians, with the following inscription: "Presented to Thomas Laycock, M.D., Physician to the York Dispensary, Lecturer on the Practice of Medicine in the York Medical School, etc., by his friends, the Associated Licentiates Extra Urbem of the Royal College of Physicians of London, in testimony of their very cordial esteem and regard, and in gratitude for the ability, energy, and zeal with which he has maintained their rights and interests.—Anno Domini, 1851."

APPOINTMENTS.

HAWKINS, CÆSAR H., Esq., Surgeon to St. George's Hospital, elected, on the 10th July (by the Council), one of the Vice-Presidents of the Royal College of Surgeons of England for the ensuing year.

JONES, Wharton, Esq., F.R.S., was recently elected to fill the triennial appointment of Professor of Physiology to the Royal Institution, vacant by the retirement of Dr. GULL, at the termination of his term of office.

LUKE, James, Esq., Surgeon to the London Hospital, elected, on the 10th July (by the Council), one of the Vice-Presidents of the Royal College of Surgeons of England for the ensuing year.

SOUTH, John F., Esq., elected, on the 10th July (by the Council), President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, in the room of Mr. ARNOTT, whose period of office has expired.

OBITUARY.

EMSLIE, Alex. L., Esq., Surgeon R.N., at Auchtermuchty, N.B., on the 9th July. GILBERTSON, Frederick, Esq., at his residence, Egham, Surrey, on the 2nd July. GIBBES, Sir George Smith, M.D., F.R.S., at Sidmouth, on the 23rd June, aged 80.

He was for many years Physician Extraordinary to Queen Charlotte; and for a lengthened period practised his profession at Bath.

JAMES, C. H., Esq., late of the 39th Regiment, at Glasgow, on the 11th July.

JENNER, Dr. Henry, third son of the late Rev. H. JENNER, of Burbage, Wilts, and nephew of Dr. EDWARD JENNER, the discoverer of vaccination, at Stone, near Berkeley, on the 3rd July, of paralysis, aged 80.

MOIR, D. M., Esq., Surgeon, of Musselburgh near Edinburgh, at Dumfries, of peritonitis, on the 6th July, aged 53. MR. MOIR was extensively employed in medical, surgical, and obstetric practice among a distinguished class of patients; and by his professional brethren, as well as by the public, he was deservedly held in very high estimation. His medical publications are possessed of much merit; but, we believe, are only two in number: viz., 1. *Outlines of the Ancient History of Medicine*. 12mo. Edinburgh: 1831. 2. *Practical Observations on Malignant Cholera*. 8vo. Pamphlet. Edinburgh: 1831. Notwithstanding the great amount and fatiguing nature of his professional duties, MR. MOIR was able, by the exercise of method, to obtain occasional hours of relaxation and leisure, many of which he devoted to literary pursuits. From 1819, to the close of his career, he was a contributor to *Blackwood's Magazine*; and his poetry, published in that miscellany with the signature of "DELTA", has long since placed its author in the highest rank of British bards, and given him an European reputation. His *Mansie Waugh, the Dalkeith Tailor*, is a prose novel of singular power, and full of the richest humour; and it would have given MR. MOIR an enduring literary fame, though he had never written a verse. But it is for the sweetness, the deep pathos, and the heart-improving influence of his domestic poetry, that his name will be chiefly remembered and cherished, so long as British literature endures. No one, who is not dead to every generous impulse, can read without emotion his little volume entitled *Domestic Verses*: and we trust that there are few lovers, husbands, wives, or parents, who can peruse them, without being, not only moved to tenderness, but melted to real amendment of heart. Jeffrey well said, that "these poems are so tender and true, so sweet and natural, as to make all lower recommendations indifferent."

POPE, Edward, Esq. (in practice prior to 1815), of 1, Princes-street, Stamford-street, at his residence, on the 17th July, aged 57.

RIPLEY, John, Esq., Surgeon, at his residence, Whitby, Yorkshire, on the 10th July, aged 54.

TREEVAN, William, Esq., Surgeon, of Bryanston-square, London, on the 6th July, aged 49. He died at Treplitz in Bohemia, whither he had gone for the restoration of his health.

WILSON, Dr. James A., son of the late JOHN WILSON, Esq., Dumfermline, N.B., at Old Calabar, Africa, in the 22nd year of his age.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

BADELEY on Mind, Matter, and Insanity. London: 1851. BEALE (Lionel John). *Laws of Health*. London: 1851. BUSHNAN (C. Stevenson). *Miss Martineau and her Master*. London: 1851. CHEVERS on Diseases of the Heart. Calcutta: 1851. DIGITALINE: *Rapports de MM. Rayer, Souliaran, et Bouillaud*. Paris: 1851. GAIRDNER (William) on Gout. London: 1851. GALLOWAY (Robert). *First Steps in Chemistry*. London: 1851. JONES (T. W.) on the Sense of Vision. London: 1851. LARDNER (Dionysius). *Hand-Book of Natural Philosophy and Astronomy. First Course*. London: 1851. MEDICAL MAN'S PLEA for a Winter Garden in the Crystal Palace. London: 1851. SQUIRE'S *New London Pharmacopœia translated*, etc. London: 1851. SYMONDS (John Addington) on Sleep and Dreams. London and Bristol: 1851.