

early occasion, to be brought under the consideration of the Home Secretary of State, by an influential committee of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association, appointed for that purpose at the annual meeting held at Brighton in August last. As the Home Secretary has promised, within a short period, to receive the committee, we earnestly call attention to the appeal for support which has been issued by that body, and from which the following is a short extract:—

“The Committee will be thankful for the names of those who are willing to come forward and volunteer evidence before the Committee of the House of Commons. They will feel greatly obliged to any medical man, whose engagements will not permit him to take a more active part, to communicate his opinions to the Secretary of the Committee. And, lastly, should any individual desire that the *facts only* of his letter be made known, his communication will be regarded as confidential, and his name not allowed to transpire. As the Committee are desirous to enlist every qualified member of the medical profession, and to obtain information from all, they would be glad to receive any communication upon this subject, addressed to their Secretary, Dr. Smith, Portland House, Cheltenham.”

APPOINTMENTS.

COGSWELL, Charles, M.D., has been appointed one of the Physicians to the St. Pancras General Dispensary.

GRIFFITH, Samuel, M.D., has been appointed Physician to the Incorporated Society of Ancient Britons.

OLLIFFE, Dr., has been appointed by His Excellency Lord Cowley, Physician to the British Embassy at Paris.

PARTRIDGE, Joseph Bowen, Esq., has been appointed House Surgeon to the Cumberland Infirmary.

WADE, Willoughby, M.D., has been appointed Resident Physician and Tutor to the General Hospital, Birmingham, in the room of Dr. T. P. HESLOP, resigned.

WORDSWORTH, John Cawood, Esq., Assistant-Surgeon to the London Hospital, was, on the 9th February, elected Assistant-Surgeon to the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, Moorfields, in the room of H. H. MACKMURDO, Esq., resigned.

WRIGHT, W., Esq., has been appointed Surgeon to the Whitehaven and West Cumberland Infirmary.

OBITUARY.

CUMMING, James, M.R.C.S.Eng., and L.A.C. 1828, on the 16th January. Mr. Cumming and his son (a lad of ten or twelve years of age) were drowned at Matlock, in the river Derwent, in consequence of its being swollen by floods. Their bodies were not found till fourteen days had elapsed, when they were discovered locked in each other's arms. Mr. Cumming left a widow, (since deceased), and seven children, in whose behalf a subscription is now being raised. Contributions are received by Messrs. Herries, Farquhar, and Co., bankers, St. James' Street, London.

DERRY, Samuel, M.R.C.S.Eng. 1818, L.S.A. 1819, Surgeon to the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, and one of the Apothecaries to the Plymouth Public Dispensary, on the 5th February, at Plymouth, in which town he had been a medical practitioner for twenty-five years.

DOANE, A. S., M.D., Health Officer of New York, on the 27th January. He was remarkable for his diligence in translating first class French medical works, and for editing reprints of English books of the same description. He translated Dupuytren's *Surgery*, Meckel's *Anatomy*, Maygrier's *Midwifery*, etc., and edited Mason Good's *Study of Medicine*.

DOWNIE, Sir Alexander Mackenzie, M.D., on the 3rd February, at Frankfort-on-the-Maine, aged 41. The deceased was a son of a clergyman of the Church of Scotland. He received the honour of knighthood in 1840 from the Queen, for his attention as physician to Her late R.H. the Landgrave of Hesse Homberg. During the same year, he was appointed Physician in Ordinary to H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge. Latterly, he practised at Frankfort, where he acted as Physician to the British Embassy.

- FORBES, Sir Charles F., M.D., K.C.H., and Deputy Inspector-General of Army Hospitals, at his residence, 23, Argyle Street, on the 22nd March, aged 73.
- PASQUIER, The Baron, formerly Surgeon to the deceased Ex-King of the French, Louis-Philippe, on the 4th January, at Paris. His widow has been granted a government pension, as she was left without means.
- PUDDICOMBE, Elias Dunsterville, Esq., Surgeon, at Silvertown, Devon, on the 10th January, aged 53. He was District Medical Officer of the St. Thomas and Tiverton Unions, and formerly Assistant Surgeon H.E.I.C.S.
- SALT, Thomas, Esq., M.R.C.S.Eng. 1830, L.S.A. 1831, at Great Dunmow, Essex, (where he had practised for twenty years), on the 17th January, aged 43.
- SEATON, Edward, Esq., Surgeon R.N., late of Rochester, on the 18th March, at Dalston, aged 67.
- SERNEY, J. B. de, M.D. St. Andrew's 1802, in Southampton Row, Marylebone, in January, aged 78.
- STALEY, James, L.S.A. 1824. M.R.C.S.Eng. 1825, at Wantage, Berkshire, on the 30th January, aged 49.
- YOUNG, William, Fellow of Fac. of P. and S. Glasgow 1831, late of Summer Rods, near Hexham, Northumberland, at Douglas, Isle of Man, aged 42.

BOOKS PRESENTED TO THE EDITOR.

[*Exclusive of Periodicals Received in Exchange.*]

- BISHOP, John, F.R.S. Researches into the Pathology and Treatment of Deformities of the Human Body. 8vo. pp. 266. *Numerous Engravings on Wood.* London: 1852.
- DICKSON, Thomas, Esq. On Establishing Public Hospitals for the Insane of the Middle and Higher Classes. pp. 62. London: 1852.
- DUNGLISON, Robley, M.D. Medical Lexicon: a Dictionary of Medical Science. Eighth Edition: revised and greatly enlarged. 8vo. pp. 927. Philadelphia: 1851.
- EMERITUS. Letter to the Right Hon. Sir George Grey, Bart., M.P., on Medical Registration and the present condition of the Medical Corporations. Second Edition. pp. 38. London: 1852.
- GRIFFITH, R. Eglesfeld, M.D. Universal Formulary: containing the Methods of Preparing and Administering Official and other Medicines. pp. 567. London and Philadelphia: 1851.
- HOLLAND, Henry, M.D., F.R.S. Chapters on Mental Physiology; founded chiefly on Certain Chapters contained in *Medical Notes of Reflections*, by the same Author. pp. 30. London: 1852.
- LITTLE, W. J., M.D. Hunterian Oration, delivered before the Members of the Hunterian Society at the Thirty-third Anniversary, February 4th, 1852. 8vo. pp. 34. London: 1852.
- NUNN, Thomas William. Varicose Veins, and Varicose Ulcers. 12mo. pp. 63. London: 1852.
- PICKFORD, Dr. On True and False Spermatorrhœa. Edited by CHIRURGUS. 8vo. pp. 82. London: 1852.
- PIRRIE, William, F.R.S.E. Principles and Practice of Surgery. *Illustrated by numerous Engravings on Wood.* 8vo. pp. 952. London: 1852.
- TRAVERS, Benj., Jun., F.R.C.S. Observations in Surgery. pp. 230. London: 1852.

TO AUTHORS.

AUTHORS, or rather intending authors, very often ask us what they ought to write about, for our "valuable" Journal. Once for all let us say, that we never desire to stimulate writers who have nothing to write about.

DR. HEREPATH. When articles come to us in manuscript from their authors, we have a right to conclude that they are sent as "Original Articles", for publication in our "Original" department. We promised to insert the article on "Galvanism in Poisoning by Opium", when it reached us some days ago; but as we have observed it in the *Lancet* of 27th March, we cannot do so in justice to the Editor of that work, or in fairness to our readers. DR. HEREPATH's other paper, ("On Infantile Phlebitis"), came by a later post, and is now in the hands of one of the Editors.