

VOTES OF THANKS.

On the motion of Mr. COLLYNS, seconded by Dr. COOKWORTHY, the thanks of the meeting were unanimously accorded to the Directors of the South Devon Railway Company, for their kindness in making return tickets available to the members of the Association on the second day.

On the motion of Dr. NANKIVELL, thanks were also voted to the members of the Athenæum, for their kindness in granting the use of the room for the purposes of the annual meeting.

ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

Several new members were then admitted to the Branch, the President proposing the names of seven gentlemen, nearly all of whom were resident in the three towns.

PULMONARY TUBERCLES. BY C. RADCLIFFE HALL, M.D.

Dr. RADCLIFFE HALL delivered an able address on "Pulmonary Tubercles", illustrated by some very excellent drawings.

MEDICAL REFORM.

Mr. DE LA GARDE, having been called on by the President, brought up the Council's Report on Sir John Forbes's suggestive Bill. The various resolutions of the Council, some affirming and some contravening clauses of the Bill were passed unanimously. The following are among the more important of these resolutions.

"Clause III. That the representation of England and of Ireland in the Council is not equal to that of Scotland. That the Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons are not duly represented. That the number of the Council is too small; the scheme of election impracticable; and the adequate representation of the provinces impossible by the means contemplated.

"Clause V. Could not be carried into effect.

"Clause VIII. That the triumvirate would virtually be the Council—which would be most objectionable.

"Clause IX. That the staff of salaried officers, to the extent apparently contemplated, appears wholly unnecessary.

"Clause XI. That inquiry be made how the expenses of the lectures, museums and libraries of the great medical corporations are to be defrayed if the income be expended on such salaries.

"Clause XII. That this is a repetition of the collegiate or professorial system of the Association's Bill, and is totally unfit to qualify men for practice in the provinces, where medical practitioners are thrown on their own resources to an extent unknown, and unsuspected, in the metropolis—that such practitioners, to be safely trusted, should be soundly practical men, though it is by no means necessary that they should possess highly refined and curious scientific knowledge.

"Clause XIV. Be it observed, that there are to be two paid Boards for Scotland, one for England, and one for Ireland.

"Clause XV. That an examination as to general education, within due bounds, is desirable. That a course of professional instruction of not less than three years should be required previous to a student's entering any medical college, and then only after a matriculation examination testing his capability of hearing lectures with advantage, and that such matriculation examination should not take place until he shall have attained the age of twenty. That a two years collegiate course after such previous instruction tested by such examination will be amply sufficient.

"Clause XIX. Quite approved.

"Clause XXXVI. Add, 'or practise medicine in any way for emolument.'

"Clause XXXVIII. That this power should be possessed. May not the power be enlarged so as to include general disreputable conduct.

"We would observe, in conclusion, that while physicians are recognised by this Bill as the superior class of the medical branch of our profession, surgeons are to be kept in one class, and that class subordinate to the physicians; although it is notorious that amongst surgeons there have been men of the highest eminence as philosophers, who have contributed their full share to the advancement of medical science, and who, in consulting practice, have been recognised by the public, and by their professional brethren, as on an equality with physicians—each in their own department."

The meeting separated at 5.30 P.M., and the members dined together at the Albion at 6 P.M.

The President entertained between forty and fifty of his medical brethren at his house in the evening, at a medical *soirée*, at which several microscopes, Mr. Hearder's new galvanic apparatus for medical purposes, and many casts and preparations for Mr. Fuge's Museum, were exhibited.

NEWS AND TOPICS OF THE DAY.

THE GARIOCH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. Several medical gentlemen in this district of Aberdeenshire, having long felt how desirable it would be could they meet more frequently, and keep up each other's acquaintance and friendship, have lately entered into an Association for that purpose. Isolated as all country practitioners are in a great measure from the medical world, and seldom even seeing one another in some of our northern districts, they have no other society than that of country gentlemen and farmers—good enough of its kind, certainly; but, having nothing in common with the medical man as such, he is very apt to become moulded to the fashion of his associates, and get more enthusiastic about *shelties* and *shorthorns*, than about medical research, or even medical reform. It is to be hoped, however, that this Association will help to keep alive their professional ardour, by affording opportunities for the discussion of professional subjects.

Membership is not confined to the Garioch district alone, as the name of the Institution might imply: some members belong to the University and Royal Infirmary of Aberdeen, and the wide districts of Mar, Formartine, and Strathbogie; showing that whatever may hold good in other localities, there is no improper rivalry between town and country in Aberdeenshire.

The Association held its first Annual General Meeting and Dinner at Inverury, on Friday, 4th August, when a large party spent a very happy evening, under the chairmanship of Thomas Thomson, Esq., President of the Association, and father of the profession in the county. [*Communicated by Mr. Mackie.*]

APPOINTMENTS.

[*An asterisk is prefixed to the names of Members of the Association.]

BERESFORD, Charles, Esq., elected Resident Medical Officer to the Kensington Dispensary.

CANTON, Edwin, Esq., elected Assistant-Surgeon to Charing Cross Hospital.

GOODWIN, John W., M.D., elected Physician to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, in the place of Dr. Hull, resigned.

MANLEY, John, M.D., elected Medical Superintendent of the Hants County Lunatic Asylum.

*SYMPSON, T., Esq., has been unanimously appointed one of the Surgeons to the Lincoln County Hospital.

OBITUARY.

[*An asterisk is prefixed to the names of those who at the time of their decease were Members of the Association.]

LAMB, John, M.D., H.E.I.C.S., at Edinburgh, on July 21.

CAREY, Joseph Knight, M.D., Senior Medical Governor and Prescribing Physician to the General Dispensary, at Limerick, aged 78, on August 3.

*RAY, George, Esq., at Milton, near Sittingbourne, Kent, on August 13.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED AND TO BE INSERTED:—

1. BAYES, William, M.D. Case of Hæmoptysis treated by Gallic Acid.
2. DAVEY, James G., M.D. Treatment of Hooping-Cough.
3. HILL, Alfred, Esq. Case of Cholera.
4. HINTON, Joseph, Esq. Case of Difficult Labour.
5. HODGKIN, Thomas, M.D. On Diabetes.
6. WELLS, Spencer, Esq. On Quarantine.
7. WILLIAMS, E., M.D. Puerperal Convulsions.

N.B. The papers of Drs. LINDSAY and HARVEY, and of Messrs. ANDERSON, SOLOMON, and GAMGEE, are in type.

MEDICAL ETHICS. The laws of the American Medical Association (to appear in an early number) will fully answer the letters of several correspondents.

LETTERS SENT ANONYMOUSLY are invariably consigned to the waste-paper basket; and yet every week we receive several communications not authenticated.

The LETTERS of Dr. BARCLAY, Mr. HINTON, and Mr. MICHAEL, are unavoidably postponed till next week. They are in type.

MEMBERS IN ARREARS. By directions of the Secretary, and in accordance with the laws, from this week *members in arrears will have their Journals stopped till their subscriptions are paid up.*