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MEMBERS IN ARREAR cannot resign till they have paid their arrears; and those who are in arrear for 1854, are not entitled to receive the Journal. This rule the Secretary is bound to enforce, and it will be enforced within a month from this date; but no member's Journal will be stopped without notice being previously given.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1855. The names of members whose subscriptions are received, will in future be printed alphabetically once a month in the JOURNAL. The first monthly list—embracing all subscriptions for 1855 received up to the last day of January—will appear in the JOURNAL of February 9th. *Members are particularly requested to bear in mind that subscriptions for the current year became due on the 1st day of January.*

LOCAL SECRETARIES AND OTHER AUTHORISED COLLECTORS are requested in future to remit monthly the subscriptions which they receive, so that the names of those by whom the payments are made may be added to the monthly list of receipts. A safe and simple method of remitting subscriptions is by post-office order, payable to the undersigned at the General Post Office, London. For the convenience of members residing in, or visiting London, subscriptions are received at the office of the JOURNAL, 37, Great Queen Street, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 6 P.M.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

ORIGINAL ARTICLES received from Mr. HUNT, and Mr. WALSH, will be inserted.

LETTERS, &c. Many communications are excluded from the pressure of other matter.

QUERIES. Within the last week so many of the schedules issued on the 17th November, have been returned, that we delay, for a week or two, from giving a nominal list of those who have favoured us with their views. Improvements of an obvious nature have been suggested, but, as they involve the necessity for more room and more money, they cannot at present be entered upon. The plan and manner of the JOURNAL is cordially approved, and it is admitted to be better than could be expected from such limited means, and the counteracting influence of those members who are strongly opposed to Journal improvement.

PATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

THE ASSOCIATION JOURNAL will in future contain accurate but carefully condensed reports of the proceedings of the Pathological Society. Those who are aware of what this society has done and is doing, will appreciate this advantage. Others will not be indisposed to hear of the eminent success in collecting and diffusing pathological information, which has attended the efforts of the members during the eight years of its existence. Originating in a necessity of our age—an age of facts—a sound superstructure has been raised on a solid foundation. We have before us a portion of that superstructure, in the form of the six annual PARTS

and two annual volumes of *Transactions*, published by the society. The part has grown into the portly volume. The contents consist of narratives of cases, with descriptions of the morbid appearances found in each, illustrated by drawings when required. These narratives are supplied by the hospital physicians and surgeons of London and their assistants, with frequent contributions from private practitioners, whose devotion to the cause of science enables them to surmount the difficulties incident to necroscopy in private. We recognise with satisfaction the reports from many of our provincial colleagues, communicated by themselves or through the secretaries. Condensed reports of these narratives we shall lay before our readers, and we hope thus to make them participators to some extent in the satisfaction experienced by those who regularly attend the meetings—and often expressed by the oldest and most experienced members of the profession—the satisfaction of having acquired useful knowledge. The society is eminently practical in its object. It was originally founded on the example of the Pathological Society of Dublin, which wisely adopted the practice of restricting discussion—an example which the London society has rigidly followed. The constant and rapid succession of specimens prevents that prosy dullness too often experienced in the cloud-land of the higher regions; whilst the restriction on talk, except to the point at issue, forbids that flippant dogmatism, which is too often uttered without reflection. The profession is deeply indebted to the original founders of the society, and to those by whom the working of its details has been and is now managed.

To forward these meritorious exertions, by extending a knowledge of the society and its proceedings, will be an object as agreeable to us as no doubt it will be acceptable to our readers.

THE LATE DR. GOLDING BIRD.

“Cui vita deficit, non honos,” might as aptly be inscribed on the tomb of Golding Bird as on that of him of whom it was written. In the profession of medicine, few have struggled more earnestly or more honourably to acquire eminence, and none have been less marred by its attainment; whilst perhaps there is no other instance in which scientific rank and public success have been equally earned in so brief a life as his. It is not less a fitting memorial of his worth, than an instructive duty, to trace the means by which he gained and sustained repute; to mark the untiring energy which, owning no barrier to its progress, sees but expedient in obstacle, and resource in difficulty; to note the trackings of the master-mind which, towering over all opposition, touches at last the summit of its goal, and then—defiant in Memory—dies.

Golding Bird was born in Downham, in Norfolk, in 1816, and