

"That it is well known that the legally qualified practitioners of this country are liable to a heavy penalty if found guilty of ignorance or mistake in their practice, yet the uneducated and untaught charlatan is allowed to exercise his nefarious arts unmolested.

"That the examinations of candidates for the medical profession by the various Colleges and examining bodies granting diplomas, or licenses to practice, are not conducted upon one uniform standard, but differ widely from each other.

"That your petitioners believe that it will be for the good of the public if a law were passed to admit such persons only as had passed a standard of examination, founded upon one uniform course of instruction, to practise in medicine and surgery within Her Majesty's dominions, and to provide for a registration of such qualified practitioners.

"That your petitioners believe that the said Bill is calculated to accomplish these and other important ends.

"Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that the said Bill may pass into a law.

"And your petitioners will ever pray", etc.

The petition having been read and unanimously approved of, it was resolved that it be presented in the usual way, and that both the members for the borough and the county should be requested to support its prayer.

The petition was then signed by—George Turner, M.D., James Ashton, M.D.; Richard Flint, John Howe, W. Henry Bellot, W. H. Medd, John Rayner, John Medd, S. H. Cheetham, James Wilkinson, T. Massey, John T. Pearson, George Downes, W. C. Vandray, D. Smyth, B. Lupton, Robert Ockleston, G. Y. Graham, and Fred. M. Hulke.

MEETING OF THE LIVERPOOL MEDICAL SOCIETY.

The following resolution was unanimously passed at a meeting of the Liverpool Medical Society, held on March 20th:—

"That this meeting approves of the general principles of the Medical Bill of Mr. Headlam, and requests that the Vice-President will communicate with each of the Borough and County Members, to solicit their presence and votes in favour of this important measure."

MR. GRIFFIN'S APPEAL TO THE POOR-LAW MEDICAL OFFICERS.

MEETING OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF THE DULVERTON UNION.

At a meeting of the medical officers of the Dulverton Union, held on the 24th inst., it was resolved:—

1. That this meeting tenders its thanks to Mr. Griffin, of Weymouth, for his able exertions in the cause of Poor-Law Medical Officers, and acquiesces in the general principles which he advocates.

2. That the undersigned medical officers of this union constitute a Local Committee in aid of the movement originated by Mr. Griffin; and that Mr. John B. Collins act as Secretary, with power to raise a subscription to defray incidental expenses.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Mr. Griffin, and the medical journals.

(Signed)

C. P. COLLYNS,
JAMES NICHOLLS, M.D.,
JOHN B. COLLYNS.

MEETING OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF THE RYE UNION.

At a meeting of the medical officers of the Rye Union, held at the George Hotel, Rye, Sussex, on March 19th, the following resolutions were passed:—

1. That the thanks of this meeting be tendered to R. Griffin, Esq., of Weymouth, for his exertions on behalf of the Poor-Law Medical Officers.

2. That the medical officers of this union do form themselves into a Local Committee, for the furtherance of this object.

3. That Mr. R. C. N. Davies be appointed Local Secretary; and a subscription of 5s. per quarter each, or any further sum that may be necessary, be paid him, to defray the expenses.

4. That this meeting consider that the sum of 15s. per case should be paid for ordinary cases of midwifery, under two miles; £1 per case over. The extra fees for midwifery to remain as they are.

5. That the following list of operations, not mentioned in the Consolidated Order, be paid extra: viz., trephining, setting lower jaw, clavicle, pelvis and ribs, ligature of arteries, amputation of breast, excision of testicle, tapping, "ascites and hydrocele", catheterism, lithotomy and lithotripsy, operation

for cataract and strabismus, operation for artificial anus, etc., reduction of hernia, excision of upper and lower jaw, and resection of joints.

6. That the following dislocations be paid extra for: viz., dislocation of lower jaw, patella, spine, and clavicle.

7. That the meeting consider the union medical officers should be under the supervision of a Medical Inspector.

8. That all cases occurring in the Union House, that would entitle medical officers out of the house to an extra fee, be allowed to the surgeon holding the appointment.

9. That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Mr. Griffin, and to each of the medical periodicals.

(Signed)

JOHN HARRIS,
EDWARD J. SANKEY,
R. C. N. DAVIES, Local Secretary.

THE LATE REV. DR. WARNEFORD. The Rev. Vaughan Thomas, B.D., has written for private circulation a *Memoir of the late Rev. Dr. Warneford*. From this memoir it appears that Dr. Warneford's donations to the Queen's College and the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, with the date of trust-deed and object of endowment, were as follows:—"December 20, 1838, £1,000, to found prizes for essays by medical students; January 13, 1842, £1,000, salary of chaplain of the Queen's Hospital; June 6, 1844, £1,750, to found four scholarships in medicine; October 16, 1844, £1,000, salary of warden, as chaplain; April 14, 1845, £1,000, salary of warden, as lecturer; September 19, 1846, £1,000, salary of Medical Tutor; August 21, 1849, £3,000, salary of Professor of Pastoral Divinity; January 30, 1851, £1,000, salary of resident warden; May 19, 1851, £900, increased salary of warden; April 16, 1851, £1,400, increased salary of Professor of Pastoral Theology; April 15, 1852, £2,500, increased salary of ditto; April 15, 1852, £1,000, to found four theological scholarships; April 15, 1852, £6,500, increase of salary of warden; October 15, 1852, £2,000, salaries of professors of classical literature, of arts, and science. In addition to all these sums, Dr. Warneford gave £1,000 towards the building fund of the hospital; £500 towards the fever wards; and £200 towards fitting up the hospital chapel and dispensary; £500 towards the erection of the college chapel, consecrated by the bishop of the diocese; £1,000 towards furniture, etc.; £150 towards the purchase of books, models, etc.; and £500 towards the charter and supplemental charter—making a total of £29,500."

EXECUTION OF THOMAS JONES. Thomas Jones, the murderer of Dr. Hope, the Convict Surgeon at Portsmouth, was executed at Winchester, on Saturday, March 22nd. Before he died, he repented of his crime, and acknowledged the justice of his sentence. It will be recollected that Jones was a convict on board the hulks at Portsmouth, and that he murdered Dr. Hope because he thought the latter treated him harshly on the trial. Several witnesses bore testimony to Dr. Hope's tenderness and humanity.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

LETTERS and other COMMUNICATIONS for the JOURNAL should be directed to the private address of the Editor, 39, Curzon Street, May Fair.

TO CONTRIBUTORS. The Editor would feel glad if Members of the Association and others, would cooperate with him in establishing as a rule, that in future no paper for publication shall exceed two pages of the Journal in length. If the writers of long communications knew as well as the Editor does, that lengthy papers *always* deter the reader from commencing them, this great evil would never arise. Brevity is the soul of medical writing—still more than of wit.

Members should remember that corrections for the current week's JOURNAL should not arrive later than Wednesday.

MR. GRIFFIN'S APPEAL. From press of matter, we have been obliged to omit notices of the meetings of the Medical Officers of the Plymouth Incorporation, Clutton Union, Alton Union, and Rington Union. They shall appear in our next.

Communications have been received from:—MR. ALFRED ASPLAND; MR. J. D. PENIN (Temple Cloud); DR. JOHN WICKENS WEST; MR. N. B. STEEL; MR. F. D. FLETCHER; MR. P. CARTWRIGHT; MR. THOMAS HARPER; DR. DAY; MR. H. NUTTALL; MR. G. B. MASFERN; SIR CHARLES HASTINGS, M.D.; MR. A. B. STEELE; DR. WM. BUDD; MR. J. HYDE HOUGHTON; MR. R. C. N. DAVIES; DR. JOSEPH BULLER; MR. G. WILLIAMS (Wrexham); MR. HENRY LEY; MR. J. B. COLLYNS; MR. RICHARD GRIFFIN; MR. G. M. STANFELD; MR. W. C. WILLIAMSON; DR. W. J. MERRIMAN; MR. F. M. HULKE; DR. BRINTON; DR. P. MARTIN DUNCAN; DR. SIEVEKING; DR. RADFORD; MR. T. M. WARD; DR. OGBER WARD; MR. JAMES COOPER; MR. SAMUEL DREW; MR. WILLIAM CURTIS; MR. G. M. HASTINGS; MR. GUSTAVUS FOOTE; DR. DURRANT.