

**THE MEDICAL SOCIETIES.** The Medical Society of London held its first meeting on the 11th, when a very able and suggestive paper by the President, Dr. CHOWNE, was read, showing the effect of artificial heat in such cities as London in raising the temperature five and six degrees some nights as compared to the suburbs. At the Hunterian Society, a very instructive paper has been read by Mr. Hutchinson, on the contamination of the mother by the fetus *in utero*; and at the Abernethian Society, Mr. Holmes Coote has given a detail of the proceedings of the hospitals in the East.

**SOCIETY FOR RELIEF OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF MEDICAL MEN IN LONDON AND ITS VICINITY.** A general meeting of the members of this Society took place on Wednesday last, the 8th instant, when the proceedings of the directors during the past six months were read. It appeared that grants for the past half-year had been made to 33 widows and 25 children to the extent of £801:10, besides £30 in extra grants. The legacy of £100, bequeathed by Sir Benj. Outram, M.D., C.B., had been received. The following officers and directors were elected for the ensuing year. *President*—Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke, Bt., M.D., F.R.S. *Vice-Presidents*—Martin Ware, Esq.; Everard A. Brande, Esq.; John Nussey, Esq.; Sir J. McGrigor, Bart., M.D., F.R.S.; Sir B. C. Brodie, Bart., F.R.S.; Peter M. Laatham, M.D.; John Bacot, Esq.; Thomas Turner, M.D.; Thomas A. Stone, Esq.; Benj. Travers, Esq., F.R.S.; D. Henry Walne, Esq.; A. J. Sutherland, M.D., F.R.S. *Treasurers*—John Miles, Esq.; Edward Tegart, Esq.; John Clarke, M.D. (Acting.) *Directors*—W. Macintyre, M.D.; John C. Taunton, Esq.; J. C. Salisbury, Esq.; Rd. Clewin Griffith, Esq.; William Dickinson, Esq.; C. Blakely Brown, M.D.; Archibald Billing, M.D.; John Probert, Esq.; Sir James Eyre, M.D.; Henry Blenkarne, Esq.; Richard L. Thorn, Esq.; Charles Hawkins, Esq.; G. J. Squibb, Esq.; Henry Combe, Esq.; A. M. Randall, Esq.; H. Jeaffreson, M.D.; John Hilton, Esq.; Henry Oldham, M.D. *Surgeons*—Richard S. Eyles, Esq.; William Self, Esq.; Henry Sterry, Esq.; G. Hamilton Roe, M.D.; Harvey K. Owen, Esq.; Robert B. Todd, M.D. This Society can only relieve the widows and children of members; to such the benefit is incalculable, while the subscription is a mere trifle, viz., two guineas a year during at least two years, and remitted altogether after twenty-five yearly payments.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

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

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.

POOR-LAW MEDICAL REFORM ASSOCIATION. Should any Poor-Law Medical Officer in England and Wales not have received his copy of the list of Unions and Local Incorporations with the Questions, he can have one by writing to Mr. GRIFFIN, 12, Royal Terrace, Weymouth.

We are obliged to Mr. MASFEN, for forwarding the *Manchester Courier*, the *Manchester Examiner and Times*, and the *Manchester Guardian*.

Communications have been received from:—MR. H. TERRY, JUN.; MR. STEDMAN; MR. W. B. KERSTVEN; MR. A. T. WATERS; MR. THOMAS STELFOX; DR. S. W. J. MERRIMAN; MR. F. W. PITCOCK; DR. KIDD; MR. HAYNES WALTON; MR. THOMAS SYMPSON; MR. STONE; DR. MONTGOMERY; MR. EDWARD GARRAWAY; MR. CLAUDE WHEELHOUSE; MR. G. B. MASFEN; MR. J. GORHAM; MR. E. L. HUSSEY; DR. JOHN LIVY; MR. THOMAS PAGET; DR. W. H. COLBORNE; and MR. GEORGE KING.

## BOOKS RECEIVED.

{\* An Asterisk is prefixed to the names of Members of the Association.}

1. Health and Beauty: on Corsets and Clothing, constructed in accordance with the Physiological Laws of the Human Body. By Madame Roxel A. Caplin. London: Darton & Co.
2. The Principles of Surgery. By James Syme, F.R.S.E. Fourth Edition. London: John Murray, 1856.
3. Cholera and the Water Supply in the South Districts of London in 1854. By \*John Snow, M.D. Reprinted from the 'Journal of Public Health' for October 1856. Pamphlet, pp. 19. London: T. Richards.
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