

upwards having from the foundation of the hospital been funded, a small permanent stock has been created, and was gradually becoming a source of income. The following legacies had been placed to that fund:—John Clive, £356: 16; and James Griffin, £90. There had also been received the transfer of £200 Government Stock, bequeathed by the late Miss Martha Mason, of Stratford-on-Avon. The Council recorded their especial thanks to Mr. Upfill, Mr. Philip Harris, Mr. John Boucher, and Mr. George Taylor, for their valuable services on the Committee. The Pharmaceutical Committee had both chemically and microscopically tested the purity of the drugs, etc., supplied to the institution. The cost of drugs and surgical appliances had not exceeded 10d. per head. The general state of the hospital reflected the highest credit upon Mrs. Lewis, the matron, Mr. John Yates, the secretary, and the other officers of the institution. Divine service had been largely attended by the inmates and servants; and a small library had been formed by donations from the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and ninety volumes obtained from other sources. During the past year, a Benevolent Fund, for the relief of accidents and acute cases, had been founded by the contribution of £1,000 by "A Friend", per the Rev. Chancellor Law; and a similar sum from "Delta", per Mr. Sands Cox. A trust-deed had been prepared and executed by Lords Ward, Leigh, and Curzon, on the part of the donors; and by F. I. Welch, Esq., Mr. T. Upfill, and Mr. J. Suckling, on the part of the Council; and duly enrolled in Chancery. The artisan classes had contributed about £50 to the funds of the institution; and the Council hoped that the appeal now in progress of circulation in the various manufacturing towns would be heartily and cheerfully responded to. By the Aston Fête, the sum of £2,300 had been paid over to liquidate the debt hanging over the institution. It had been resolved to commemorate the exertions of the Fête Committee by erecting a marble slab in the vestibule of the hospital, and by placing £500 of the aforesaid sum to the Permanent Accident Fund. The Report concluded with an appeal on behalf of the institution.

F. I. WELCH, Esq., moved the adoption of the Report.—Mr. LUCAS briefly seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. G. ARMFIELD moved a vote of thanks to the Dean of the Faculty. He expressed a hope that the feelings entertained with regard to Mr. Cox's services would ere long be displayed in a substantial manner, and that a worthy testimonial would be presented to him.—Mr. UPFILL seconded the motion.—Mr. S. HAINES supported the motion. He hoped the time would speedily arrive when they might have an opportunity of expressing their esteem and regard in a substantial manner. To such an object he would gladly subscribe £50.—The motion was put by the Mayor, and carried by acclamation.

Mr. W. H. OSBORN moved the third resolution, approving of the formation of a Permanent Accident Fund, and calling upon the mining, commercial, and manufacturing interests of the midland counties for donations and free subscriptions to the fund.—Mr. TAYLOR seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The next resolution, calling for a continuance of the aid of the clergy and ministers of religion, was moved by Mr. S. HAINES, seconded by Mr. JACOB PHILLIPS, and carried.

Mr. UPFILL moved a vote of thanks to the working classes for their assistance during the year, with a hope that their contributions would hereafter be augmented.—Mr. SUCKLING seconded the motion. The working classes had already evinced not only their willingness, but their power, to aid very materially the charitable institutions of the borough.

With a vote of thanks to the Mayor, and the presentation of a cheque for £29 from the Fête Committee, the proceedings terminated.

ROYAL MEDICAL BENEVOLENT COLLEGE. A sermon on behalf of this institution was preached on Sunday last, in Rochester Cathedral, by the Rev. Canon Robinson, Master of the Temple, who alluded feelingly to the loss the town had recently sustained, by the death of a highly esteemed medical practitioner, one of whose sons has been received as a Foundation Scholar in the College. The collection after the service was one of the largest ever known in the cathedral.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON. This evening, November 29th, Dr. Theophilus Thompson will read a paper on "The Effects produced on the Blood by Mental Labour."

THE CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION AND THE LONDON GAS-LIGHT COMPANY. A few days ago, the Lambeth Police Court was much crowded by persons anxious to hear the proceedings in the case of the Corporation of the City of London against the London Gaslight Company, whose works are in High Street, Vauxhall. Eight of the directors of that company and their engineer appeared before the Hon. G. C. Norton, to answer to summonses taken out against them in the name of Mr. Saunders, the water-bailiff of the City of London, and charging them with having, on the 16th of last month, and on divers other days, at Vauxhall, caused, permitted, and suffered to run and flow into the waters of the River Thames, great quantities of filthy, noxious, unwholesome, and deleterious liquid matter and refuse, arising and produced from making gas, to the common nuisance of Her Majesty's subjects.

Mr. Bodkin, instructed by Mr. Charles Pearson, the City Solicitor, and Dr. Letheby, the Officer of Health for the City of London, attended to support the summonses; and Mr. Huddleston, instructed by the solicitor to the company, was present for the defence.

Mr. Bodkin, addressing the magistrate, said that the present proceedings were instituted by the Corporation of the City of London; but, as it was quite clear that they could not terminate in this court, and that the only result that could be arrived at would be that of binding over the defendants to meet it elsewhere, he should save the time of his worship by not entering on the evidence. His friend Mr. Huddleston, who was engaged on the other side, and himself, had agreed that it would be useless to travel over the same ground twice; and, as the evidence he had to offer them in support of the charge would have to be repeated elsewhere, he should only observe that the summonses might serve as notices to the defendants that bills of indictment for the nuisance would be preferred at the next Old Bailey Sessions.

Mr. Huddleston offered nothing in opposition to this arrangement.

Mr. Norton observed that it was the first step towards the purification of that much-abused stream, the Thames, and he hoped it would be followed up.

Mr. Bodkin assured his worship that it should; and here the proceedings terminated.

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.

A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION will perhaps oblige us with his name, as we never insert anonymous letters.

Communications have been received from:—MR. CROSBY LEONARD; MR. SANDS COX; MR. RICHARD GRIFFIN; DR. COCKLE; DR. TINDAL ROBERTSON; MR. HOOPER; DR. G. G. ROGERS; DR. BELL FLETCHER; DR. C. W. BELL; MR. STONE; MR. T. HOLMES; MR. T. MORRIS; MR. R. Q. WALLACE; MR. DUNCALFE; A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION; MR. PROPERT; DR. JAMES WILLIAMS; and DR. BRINTON.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

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

1. Hygienic, Medical and Surgical Hints for Young Officers of the Royal and of the Merchant Navy. By W. M. Saunders, M.D. London: Churchill. 1856. Pamphlet. pp. 96.
2. The Protestant Dissenters' Almanack and Political Annual for the Year 1857. London: Kent and Co. pp. 66.
3. Obstetric Aphorisms for the Use of Students commencing Midwifery Practice. By J. G. Swayne, M.D. London: John Churchill. 1856. pp. 123.

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