

## Association Intelligence.

### MEDICAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

At a meeting of the Committee, held on October 25th, in New Burlington Street—William Newnham, Esq., Vice-President, in the Chair—seven cases for relief were presented to the meeting, five of which were relieved; and four additional annuities of £20 each were granted.

### BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.

#### MEDICAL REGISTRATION.

At the last Ordinary Meeting of this Society, it was resolved—"That it is desirable that a General Meeting of the profession of this district be called, to take into consideration the propriety of forming a Local Medical Registration Society, for looking after the general welfare of the profession."

In accordance with the above resolution, a meeting will be held at the Institution, Park Street, Bristol, on Thursday, November 10th, at 3 o'clock P.M.

CROSBY LEONARD, } Hon. Secs.  
R. S. FOWLER, }

October 20th, 1859.

#### DIPHTHERIA.

At the last Quarterly Meeting of the Bath and Bristol Branch, it was resolved that an inquiry should be set on foot with reference to diphtheria. Dr. William Davies, of Bath, will be obliged by answers to the following queries: the replies being numbered according to the questions.

1. Number of cases, ; age, ; sex, ; and general condition of patients.—2. Condition of throat, especially as regards the presence of false membrane, etc.—3. Mode of treatment; local and general.—4. Number of deaths.—5. Cause of death in fatal cases.—6. *Post mortem* appearances.—7. General remarks.

### BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH: GENERAL MEETING.

A GENERAL meeting of the above Branch was held at the Hen and Chickens Hotel, Birmingham, on Thursday, October 20th; J. B. MELSON, M.D., President, in the Chair. There were also present: E. Bartleet, Esq. (Birmingham); F. T. Bond, M.D. (Birmingham); G. V. Blunt, M.D. (Birmingham); P. Chavasse, Esq. (Birmingham); E. Cheshire, Esq. (Birmingham); W. Downes, Esq. (Handsworth); G. Fayrer, M.D. (Henley-in-Arden); Bell Fletcher, M.D. (Birmingham); T. S. Fletcher, Esq. (Bromsgrove); J. J. Hadley, Esq. (Birmingham); H. Hancox, M.D. (Wolverhampton); F. Jordan, Esq. (Birmingham); W. Kite, Esq. (Westbromwich); J. H. Lakin, M.B. (Kineton); G. Marshall, M.D. (Birmingham); O. Pemberton, Esq. (Birmingham); J. V. Solomon, Esq. (Birmingham); S. Spratley, Esq. (Birmingham); W. F. Wade, M.D. (Birmingham); C. Warden, M.D. (Birmingham); T. W. Williams, Esq. (Birmingham); C. Yarwood, Esq. (Birmingham); G. Yates, Esq. (Birmingham); and, as a visitor, — Garner, Esq.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS.

It was proposed by Dr. WADE, seconded by Mr. T. W. WILLIAMS, and carried unanimously—

"That Mr. Baker's notice regarding the alteration in the mode of electing the Council be carried on until the next meeting; and that the Secretaries be requested to print the same on the card."

Mr. J. V. SOLOMON gave notice that he should move the following at the next meeting:—

"That, in the opinion of this meeting, the call of 5s. per annum, in two consecutive years, from each member of the Association, would be unnecessary, if the resolutions of the Executive Committee and the laws of the Association were duly carried out."

#### PAPERS.

The following papers were read:—

1. Observations on the Anatomy and Surgery of Talipes Equino-Varus. By Furneaux Jordan, Esq. [This will be published in the JOURNAL.]

2. Observations on Anemia. By Bell Fletcher, M.D.

### ROCHESTER, MAIDSTONE, GRAVESEND, AND DARTFORD DISTRICT MEETINGS IN CONNEXION WITH THE SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH.

THE second meeting of the present session was held at the Star Hotel, Maidstone, on Friday, October 28th, at 2.20 P.M. Present: W. SANKEY, Esq. (Dover), President of the Branch, in the chair; C. L. Allwork, Esq. (Maidstone); John Armstrong, M.D. (Gravesend); F. Barham, Esq. (Maidstone); F. J. Brown, M.D. (Chatham); J. M. Burton, Esq. (Blackheath); John J. D. Burns, M.D. (Chatham); James Dulvey, Esq. (Brompton); Frederick Fry, Esq. (Maidstone); H. M. Gould, Esq. (Watlingbury); J. H. Gramshaw, Esq. (Gravesend); William Hoar, Esq. (Maidstone); H. W. Joy, Esq. (Maidstone); W. Keddell, Esq. (Aylesford); Adam Martin, M.D. (Rochester); F. Plomley, M.D. (Maidstone); J. C. Prance, Esq. (Maidstone); John W. Woodfall, M.D. (Maidstone).

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

#### THE JOURNAL.

A conversation took place upon the discussion which has lately occurred in reference to the JOURNAL; when it was proposed by Mr. FRY, seconded by Dr. MARTIN, and resolved *nem. con.*

"That this meeting desires to express its high value for the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL as the organ of the Association; and that it would see with regret any change which would either diminish the size or the frequency of publication of the JOURNAL."

#### PAPERS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

The following papers were then read:

1. Forced Flexion of the Fore-Arm in Wounds of its Vessels or of the deep Palmar Arch, with two cases. By F. Fry, Esq.

2. A Case of Strangulated Femoral Hernia in a Male. By John M. Burton, Esq.

3. A Case of Double Pneumonia complicated with Mania, and successfully treated by large doses of Opium, By John M. Burton, Esq.

4. Notes on Diphtheria; being a record of thirty cases. By the President.

5. Mr. FRY exhibited a Morbid Specimen of the Larynx, which he had removed from a patient who died from Diphtheria.

6. Mr. ALLWORK exhibited a Kidney, which he had removed from a patient who had died of Disease of the Suprarenal Capsules, and related the case.

7. Dr. ARMSTRONG showed a Midwifery Loup.

The papers and communications will, by request, be published in the JOURNAL.

The members then adjourned to dinner, having previously accorded their thanks to those gentlemen who had contributed to the scientific objects of the Meeting, and to the President for having again travelled so great a distance to take the chair. Coffee was served at eight o'clock.

## Reports of Societies.

### MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31st, 1859.

JOHN HILTON, Esq., F.R.S., President, in the Chair.

ON THE STRENGTH, FLEXIBILITY, AND CURVATURES OF THE VERTEBRAL COLUMN. BY JOHN BISHOP, ESQ., F.R.S.

AFTER some observations on the mechanical properties of the spine in relation to its curves, Mr. BISHOP stated that in his opinion permanent lateral distortion was due to influences principally of habit and occupation, which caused the horizontal line of the pelvis to be tilted to an angle with the column. Among these, for instance, was prolonged or habitual standing on one leg. This was admitted as a cause by Delpech; but he also believed the presence of some organic changes to be necessary. The only means of restoring the equilibrium of the trunk will then be, to call into action the muscles of the opposite side, while those towards which the side is turned are to be kept in a quiescent state. It was formerly supposed, that the latter had distorted the spine by spasmodic contraction, and they used therefore to be divided. The mechanical effect of the action of these muscles, besides bending the spine to one side, is also to rotate the spine on a

What, may I ask, is Dr. Sandwith's interpretation of the first resolution, and what is the difference between it and his own? Is it possible that he has so misunderstood the whole tenor of my remarks, and the purport of my resolution, as to believe that our views are in antagonism on the general question, that the Association needs a journal,—as in his letter he would make it appear? Did we at Beverley stultify ourselves by unanimously agreeing to two incompatible and contradictory resolutions—the one advocating the suppression and entire annihilation of the JOURNAL, and the other “an alteration in the form and frequency of its issue”? If such has been the opinion of Dr. H. Sandwith, the letter of Sir Henry Cooper has probably by this time rectified his ideas on the matter.

Nor must it be forgotten that Dr. H. Sandwith *voted for my resolution*; and, having done so—not heartily, it seems—he then brings forward resolution No. 2. I objected to this, believing any such decision, binding us as to our future course, to be altogether premature and unnecessary; and that all details as to the extent of change would be better left for future consideration. I objected to this resolution, also, because I believed it to be more destructive to the JOURNAL than mine, and to necessitate far more radical and sweeping changes than I ever proposed or contemplated. An annual volume of *Transactions* would most effectually starve the JOURNAL, by abstracting, not merely its funds, but its pabulum also, in the shape of papers and contributions.

Yet the proposer of this resolution *was not prepared to join the crusade of Mr. Dix against the JOURNAL!* and rates me in no measured terms for claiming him as a supporter of this movement. Surely there is some lack of logical acumen here.

Lastly, I have to remark that, if Dr. Thos. Sandwith entertained “the opinion, founded on the assumption that the JOURNAL absorbed all our income, that a monthly journal might answer every purpose”, I have no doubt that he will be of the same opinion still, though the assumption should be proved incorrect—which, however, has yet to be done; for *the purpose to be answered is the same*, whether we have a debt or a surplus. Many, perhaps, will be biased in this matter by pecuniary considerations, and feel inclined to advocate a weekly journal, if they believe that we can afford it. I would strongly urge such persons to defer their decision for the present, and await the issue of the question I have so long vainly asked, as to the real amount of our debt. I would warn them against taking it for granted that my statements on this point are inaccurate, merely because they have been disputed; for I believe it is an axiom, both in law and in logic, that mere contradiction is not refutation, and simple denial is not disproof.

I am, etc.,

JOHN DIX.

Hull, October 31st, 1859.

## Medical News.

### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, AND APPOINTMENTS.

\* In these lists, an asterisk is prefixed to the names of Members of the Association.

#### BIRTHS.

Of sons, the wives of—

- HOVELL, D. De Berdt, Esq., Surgeon, Clapton, on Oct. 26.  
 \*LANKESTER, Edwin, M.D., F.R.S., Savile Row, W., on Oct. 26.  
 \*SALTER, H. Hyde, M.D., Montague Street, W.C., on Oct. 30.

Of daughters, the wives of—

- BAZIRE, Victor, M.D., at 4, Queen Square, W.C., on Oct. 29.  
 \*SANDERS, Charles, Esq., Chigwell, on Oct. 28. (Stillborn.)  
 SMITH, Henry, Esq., Surgeon, Caroline Street, W.C., on Oct. 28.  
 WILLIAMS, D. W., M.D., Dollryd, Llangollen, on Oct. 28.

#### MARRIAGES.

- ADAMS, Andrew L., M.D., 22nd Regiment, to Bertha Jane, eldest daughter of F. GRUNDY, Esq., of Ardwick, at Manchester, on October 26th.  
 DAVIES, John, Esq., Surgeon-Major Royal Army, to Charlotte W., eldest daughter of the late R. W. BARTELL, Esq., at Swannington, Norfolk, on October 26th.  
 DELAFONS, the Rev. Harcourt, rector of Tiffeld, Hants, to Helen, only daughter of Wm. ROGERS, M.D., at Stonehouse, Devon, on October 20th.

LIGHTFOOT, W. M., Esq., Edenbridge, to Madeline E., second daughter of Robert MERRY, M.D., of Hemel Hempstead, on on October 26th.

LOCOCK, the Rev. Alfred H., incumbent of Lensford, second son of Sir C. Locock, Bart., M.D., to Anna Maria, youngest daughter of the late Archdeacon DEALTY, rector of Clapham, at Battersea, on October 27th.

PRYON, Peter, Esq., Surgeon, Benenden, Kent, to Fanny W., only child of the late Charles BEALE, Esq., on Oct. 20.

SANDWITH, the Rev. Henry, M.D., son of \*Humphry SANDWITH, M.D., Hull, to Annie, second daughter of Charles WRIGHT, Esq., North Anston, Yorkshire, on October 26th.

#### DEATHS.

BEHAN. On October 21st, at Cheltenham, aged 16, Richard J., eldest son of the late R. J. Behan, Esq., Bombay Medical Service.

BROWN. On October 27th, at 108, Blackman Street, S.E., Robert M., eldest son of R. G. Brown, Esq., Surgeon.

HAIRBY, Wm., Esq., Surgeon, at Marlborough Place, Walworth Road, aged 66, on October 30th.

KIRK, Thomas, Esq., Surgeon, at Dublin, aged 64, on Oct. 17.

MALCOLM, William, M.D., at Perth, on October 30th.

MANSELL, Fitzwilliam, M.D., Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets, at Haslar, aged 59, on Oct. 23.

MILLER, James C., Esq., Surgeon, at King Street, Finsbury, aged 60, on October 31st.

#### APPOINTMENTS.

\*COLLINGWOOD, Cuthbert, M.B., M.R.C.P., elected Physician to the Northern Hospital, Liverpool.

#### PASS LISTS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON. FELLOWS admitted at a meeting of the Comitia Majora, held on Saturday, October 22nd:—

ALISON, S. Scott, London  
 BARDSLEY, Sir J. L., Manchester  
 BARNES, Robert, London  
 BIRD, James, London  
 BUCKNILL, J. C., Exminster  
 DAVIES, John B., Birmingham  
 EMBLETON, Dennis, Durham  
 FLEMING, Alex., Birmingham  
 FRANCIS, D. J. T., Northampton  
 GUENEAU DE MUSSY, Henri, London

HARE, Charles J., London  
 HUNT, Henry, London  
 JACKSON, John, London  
 MAPLETON, Henry, London  
 MARCET, William, London  
 MARTIN, Robert, London  
 MURCHISON, Charles, London  
 NOBLE, Daniel, Manchester  
 REYNOLDS, John R., London  
 SANDWITH, Humphry, Hull  
 SMITH, Sir Andrew, London  
 VOSE, James R. W., Liverpool

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS. MEMBERS admitted at a meeting of the Court of Examiners, on October 28th:—

ANTROBUS, Daniel, Talk-on-the-Hill, Staffordshire  
 AYRE, Joseph B., Totteridge  
 BARLOW, Robert, Dalston  
 BROMLEY, Henry, Rippingall, Lincolnshire  
 BUTLER, William, Islington  
 CHEETHAM, Samuel Howard, Stockport  
 EDWARDS, David, Great Russell Street, Covent Garden  
 FENDICK, Robert, Bristol  
 FURNER, Charles, Brighton  
 HALLOWS, John S., Liverpool  
 HORTON, George E., Dudley  
 HOWSE, W., Burford, Oxon  
 JACKSON, George H., Lower Tottenham  
 JACOBSON, T. E., Sleaford  
 JEFFS, R. S., Lisson Grove  
 KEMPSTER, F. H., Euston Sq.  
 LEVICK, C. H., Stratford  
 MILLIN, Edward H., Coventry  
 MYERS, Arthur B. R., Army  
 OLIVE, George, Northampton  
 PAYNE, Charles Wm., Hoxne, Suffolk  
 PEFLOW, Joseph, Great Russell Street, Bloomsbury  
 RAMSAY, J. A., Great Thetford  
 RYGATE, John J., London  
 STARKE, A. G. H., Honiton  
 SOMERVILLE, Chas., Bloxwich  
 STEVENS, Wm., Fulham Road  
 TREND, T. W., Bridgewater  
 TUBBS, William J., Upwell, Wisbeach  
 WEBSTER, Joseph, Golcar  
 WILLIAMS, Wm. R., St. John's Wood

APOTHECARIES' HALL. LICENTIATES admitted on Thursday, October 27th, 1859:—

COLBECK, T. W., Kensington  
 GRIFFITH, R., Carnarvon  
 JOHNSON, J., Hogsthorpe  
 MAX, J., Stoke Damarel  
 WILDERS, J. S., Birmingham

The following gentleman also, on the same day, passed his first examination:—  
 DRAKE, T.

## HEALTH OF LONDON—OCTOBER 29TH, 1859.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

	Births.	Deaths.
During week .....	Boys .. 823 Girls .. 822	1645 .. 1048
Average of corresponding weeks 1849-58..	1564 ..	1125
Among the causes of death were—bronchitis, 58; pneumonia, 43; phthisis, 155; whooping-cough, 15; scarlatina, 91; diphtheria, 11; small-pox, 22.		

## Barometer :

Highest (Thurs.) 29; lowest (Tues.) 29.2; mean 29.36 in.

## Thermometer :

In sun—highest (Fri.) 65°; lowest (Mon.) 39°.

In shade—highest (Fri.) 56°; lowest (Mon.) 26.5°.

Mean—38°; difference from mean of 43 yrs.—8.8°.

Range—during week, 29.5°; mean daily, 15.3°.

Mean humidity of air (saturation=100), 90.

Mean direction of wind, S.W.—Rain in inches, 0.96.

## LONDON MEDICAL REGISTRATION ASSOCIATION.

THE first anniversary meeting of this body was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, on Wednesday last, November 2, at 3 P.M. The chair was taken by the President, George Webster, M.D., who, after a few observations, in which he congratulated the members on the vigour of the Society, called on the Honorary Secretary for the Report. The Honorary Secretary (Dr. Ladd) thereon read a report of the proceedings of the Association from its institution; after which, a motion for the adoption of the report was duly proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously. The meeting then proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year. On the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. Bottomley, William Fergusson, Esq., F.R.S., was chosen President for the ensuing year: and the chair was at once vacated by Dr. Webster, and taken by Mr. Fergusson, who thanked the members. After an unanimous vote of thanks to the past president, the election of officers was proceeded with. The following gives the entire result:—

*President*—William Fergusson, Esq., F.R.S.; *Vice-Presidents*—Thomas Ansell, M.D. (Bow); George Bottomley, Esq. (Croydon); John Brady, Esq., M.P.; James Copland, M.D., F.R.S.; Charles Cowan, M.D. (Reading); William Sands Cox, Esq. (Birmingham); John Erichsen, Esq.; Sir John Fife, (Newcastle-upon-Tyne); James Ranald Martin, Esq., F.R.S.; Professor Owen, D.C.L., F.R.S.; John Probert, Esq.; William Harcourt Ranking, M.D. (Norwich); Robert Bentley Todd, M.D., F.R.S.; Alexander Tweedie, M.D., F.R.S.; James Richard W. Vose, M.D. (Liverpool); Thomas Wakley, Esq.; George Webster, M.D. (Dulwich); Charles J. B. Williams, M.D., F.R.S.; *Treasurer*—John Lavies, Esq., 5, Great George Street, Westminster; *Honorary Secretary*—Theodore Edward Ladd, M.D., 50, Walcot Place East, Lambeth; *Secretary*—George S. Brent, Esq., 19, Keppel Street, Russell Square; *Committee*—Adams, William, Esq.; Bain, W. P., M.D.; Bowkett, T. E., Esq.; Bradford, W. J., M.D.; Brendon, P., Esq.; Cattlin, W. A., Esq.; Clark, Charles, Esq.; Clarke, James Fernandez, Esq.; Clifton, N. H., Esq.; Cregeen, J. J., M.D.; Dansey, G. F., Esq.; Dover, Frederick, Esq.; Doubleday, E., Esq.; Faxon, A. W., Esq.; Garty, F. B., Esq.; Hillier, Thomas, M.B.; Hogg, Jabez, Esq.; Humble, W. E., M.D.; Jeffree, John, Esq.; Jones, Handfield, M.B. Cantab.; Jones, J. D., M.D.; Kirby, E. A., Esq.; Ledger, Mathew, Esq.; Lord, Charles F. J., Esq.; O'Connor, William, M.D.; Routh, C. H. F., M.D.; Savage, H., M.D.; Tilt, E. J., M.D.; Wright, H. G., M.D.

A series of rules and bye-laws were then submitted to the meeting and approved. The following are the rules.

*Rules.* 1. This Association shall be called the "London Medical Registration Association." 2. The objects of this Association shall be to watch the working of the Medical Act; to suppress illegal practice; and to assist the Registrar under the Medical Act, in securing a correct Registration. 3. All Practitioners of Orthodox Medicine, who are entitled to be registered under the Medical Act, shall be eligible to become Members, and none others shall be allowed to be Members. 4. Each Member shall pay an Annual Subscription of not less than Ten Shillings; and no Member shall be entitled to exercise the privilege of Membership, whose Subscription is

two months in arrear. 5. The affairs of the Association shall be conducted by a President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Honorary Secretary, a Secretary (who shall be a paid officer); and a Committee of Thirty Members. 6. The President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Honorary Secretary, as well as the Honorary Secretaries of Affiliated Registration Associations, shall be *ex-officio* Members of the Committee. 7. The Annual Subscription of Local Associations desirous of being affiliated with the "London Medical Registration Association," shall be at the rate of One Guinea for every twenty Members, or any less number. 8. The President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Secretaries, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Members, to be held early in November, yearly; and all the Officers, except the President, shall be eligible for re-election. 9. One-third of the Members of the Committee shall retire annually, and the remainder shall be eligible for re-election.

It was evidently the feeling of the Meeting, as well as of the Committee, that it is not desirable at present to interfere with practitioners who have only one legal qualification, or to attempt to define the strict legal meaning of medical titles. Before work of this kind is undertaken, the energies of the Association should be, it was observed, directed to the extermination of illegal practitioners who are altogether outside the profession.

## NORFOLK AND NORWICH MEDICAL REGISTRATION ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the Norfolk and Norwich Medical Registration Association, held at the Hospital, on November 1st, 1859—Dr. RANKING, President, in the chair—the following resolutions were unanimously agreed upon:—

1. That a fund be established, to enable the Registration Association to carry into effect the recent Medical Act, with respect to the prosecution of illegal practitioners.
2. That each member of the Association be requested to contribute the sum of ten shillings, for the purpose of carrying into effect the foregoing resolution.
3. That every registered member of the profession in this district be solicited to contribute, either by donation or subscription, towards the objects of the Association.
4. That a sub-committee be appointed, consisting of the President, Secretaries, and five other members, to make all necessary arrangements.

PROPOSED INSTITUTION FOR PARALYTICS. A meeting, presided over by the Lord Mayor, was held on Wednesday, in the Egyptian Hall, Mansion House, for the purpose of establishing an institution for persons suffering under paralysis and epilepsy. The Lord Mayor said he would state how the design had originated. A young lady, suffering from paralysis, fancied that, having all the comforts of life, and yet being deprived of the use of her limbs, she could not do better than institute a hospital for paralytic and epileptic patients. The lady accordingly wrote to him, to ask his consent to call a public meeting for the purpose of founding a hospital for those who were so diseased. He, who had himself suffered much (from paralysis) during the past year, readily consented to call a public meeting; and the young lady generously set apart the sum of £200 for the purpose of commencing a fund. If in his own experience he had suffered a great deal, surrounded as he had been with all the comforts of life, and by all the attention and aid which medical science could supply, what must not the poor, and wretched, and miserable suffer, who were left in their own homes to pine under the disease? And if it was further evident that the disease was subject to medical treatment, he need hardly point out the necessity of founding an institution for the special treatment and cure of it. It was not intended the funds contributed by the charitable should be expended in erecting a splendid building which might exhibit itself to the public eye and please the public taste. The intention, so far as he could gather, was to take a house in an airy situation, at a small expense, and begin upon a small scale, trusting to the merits of the case and to a benevolent public. The object was divided into two parts; one was to relieve and sustain patients in the hospital during the time required; and the other was to form a fund to allow a weekly sum of money for the relief of poor persons who would rather remain at home. There were many hundreds afflicted with diseases who preferred medical attendance at home, where they were attended by affectionate relatives; and it was a difficult task to say a word in condemnation of a feeling which was so universally prevalent

among the poor. From the day the notion of establishing the hospital was first broached, he received innumerable letters from all parts of the country, and from all ranks in society, approving of the design, promising subscriptions, and giving support. His Worship then announced a list of promised contributions, among which were donations from Miss Burdett Coutts, and Lord Ward, of £100 each. Viscount RAYNHAM moved the following resolution: "That this meeting, having had its attention directed to the fact, that among the many noble London charities no special aid is accorded to paralysed and epileptic patients, considers the proposed hospital for the relief of the paralysed and epileptic pre-eminently deserving of the support of the public at large, and pledges itself to use every endeavour to promote its success." Sir C. ALDIS briefly seconded the resolution, which was adopted. On the motion of Alderman HALE, seconded by Mr. A. CLARK, a committee was appointed for carrying out the objects of the institution. The Lord Mayor announced that, according to a rough calculation, the sum subscribed in the room, and promised, was upwards of £800. A vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor having been passed, the meeting separated.

**SOCIETY FOR RELIEF OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF MEDICAL MEN IN LONDON AND ITS VICINITY.** The half-yearly general meeting of the members of this Society was held on October 26th, to acquaint the members with the affairs of the Society during the preceding six months. From the last half-year's balance-sheet, it appeared that thirty-eight widows had received £717:10, half-yearly relief; and twenty-three children, £164; with £25 as a grant towards self-maintenance; that £139:9:3 had been spent in necessary expenses; and that there are three hundred and ninety members on the list. A new law was carried, authorising a grant, in certain special cases, to the widows or children of such gentlemen as had, after two years subscription, ceased to be members of the Society from non-payment of subscription during fifteen months, provided the non-payment had arisen from occasions over which the members had no control. The following members were elected officers and directors for the ensuing twelve months:—*President*: Thomas Arthur Stone, Esq. *Vice-Presidents*: Martin Ware, Esq.; Everard A. Brande, Esq.; John Nussey, Esq.; Sir B. C. Brodie, Bart., F.R.S.; Peter M. Latham, M.D.; John Bacot, Esq.; Thomas Turner, M.D.; D. Henry Walne, Esq.; A. J. Sutherland, M.D., F.R.S.; Edward Teggart, Esq.; Edward Stanley, Esq., F.R.S.; George Burrows, M.D., F.R.S. *Treasurers*: John Miles, Esq.; John Clarke, M.D. (Acting); James T. Ware, Esq. *Directors*: B. G. Babington, M.D., F.R.S.; John Weatherfield, Esq.; John J. Sawyer, Esq.; Thomas Brown, Esq.; C. J. B. Aldis, M.D.; William Dickinson, Esq.; Richard S. Eyles, Esq.; Henry Sterry, Esq.; G. Hamilton Roe, M.D.; Harvey K. Owen, Esq.; Henry Lee, Esq.; Robert B. Todd, M.D., F.R.S.; Robert Nairne, M.D.; William Cathrow, Esq.; Edgar Barker, Esq.; James Paget, Esq., F.R.S.; John Adams, Esq.; Frederick J. Farre, M.D.; A. B. Barnes, Esq.; Edward Dew, Esq.; John Love, Esq.; H. A. Pitman, M.D.; Charles Collambell, Esq.; Benjamin Travers, Esq.

**THE CHANCELLORSHIP OF THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.** The General Council of the University of Edinburgh met on October 28th, in the Music Hall, at 12 o'clock. Sir David Brewster, Principal, presided. Professor Christison nominated, and Sir George Clerk seconded, the Duke of Buccleuch, as Chancellor of the University. The Solicitor-General, seconded by Dr. Alexander Wood, proposed Lord Brougham. The speaking lasted till two o'clock, and the roll of 1,393 members was then called over, which occupied the meeting till nearly five o'clock, the doors of the hall being meanwhile strictly closed. The numbers as intimated, were:—Lord Brougham, 654; the Duke of Buccleuch, 419; majority for Lord Brougham, 235. The result was received with loud cheers by Lord Brougham's supporters, and a large crowd waited the result outside. In the evening, Lord Brougham's election was celebrated by the ringing of the bells of the city churches.—At 7, the Council again met to elect an assessor to the University Court. Lord Neaves, seconded by Professor Syme, proposed Sir John McNeill; Dr. Douglas MacLagan, seconded by Mr. Morton, proposed Solicitor-General Maitland. The numbers were:—For the Solicitor-General, 272; Sir John McNeill, 184: majority, 88.

**YORK MEDICAL SCHOOL.** This institution has been closed: the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons having refused to recognise the York County Hospital as qualifying students by attendance on its practice.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

**UNREGISTERED POOR-LAW OFFICERS.** Mr. Griffin has requested us to insert that Mr. Shirley, whose name appears in his list to the Poor-Law Board as not registered, is a registered medical officer; and that the error has arisen in consequence of his change of residence after registration. On the election of this gentleman by the Guildford Board of Guardians, another candidate's testimonials were set aside because he was not registered; an example worthy of imitation by all other boards.

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