

in respect of the registration of any master in surgery of any University of the United Kingdom.

II. The powers given to the Medical Council in the said first-recited Act with respect to the studies and examinations required for obtaining a qualification under the said Act, shall be extended to the studies and examinations required for a qualification under this Act.

III. The *first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one*, shall be deemed to be substituted in sections thirty-two, thirty-four, thirty-six, and thirty-seven respectively of the said first-recited Act, as the same are amended by the said second-recited Act, for the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, so far as the same relate to any person authorised to be registered under this Act; and the said several sections, as so amended, and all the provisions of the said Act having reference thereto, shall, with respect to any such person so authorised to be registered under this Act, be construed and take effect as if the words "*the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one*" had been originally inserted in each of the said sections instead of the words "*the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine*."

IV. No person authorised to be registered under this Act, who on the *first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine*, shall be acting as medical officer under an order of the Poor-Law Commissioners, or Poor-Law Board, shall by reason of the said recited Acts, or either of them, be or be deemed to have been disqualified to hold such office, or any appointment mentioned in section thirty-six of the said first-recited Act, unless he shall have failed to be registered on or before the *first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one*.

V. The said recited Acts and this Act shall be construed together as one Act.

VI. This Act may for all purposes be cited as "*The Medical Acts Amendment Act, 1860*."

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 Hindle, J., Esq., Askern  
 Hobson, T., Esq., Kirk Ella  
 Hutton, J., M.D., Thirsk  
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 Jackson, T., M.D., Hull  
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 Lunn, W. J., M.D., Hull  
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 Weir, W., M.D., Glasgow  
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#### BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

NAME OF BRANCH.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DATE.
BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES.	Hen and Chickens Hotel,	Thursday, March 15th,
[General Meeting.]	Birmingham.	6 P.M.

#### THE GENERAL COUNCIL: CORRECTION.

In the Report of the Annual Meeting of the South Western Branch, published in the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL* for July 9th, 1859, and also in the list of officers and members published on November 12th, the name of GLASS BLACK, M.D., should have appeared as a member of the General Council of the British Medical Association, elected by the above mentioned Branch.

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

A GENERAL Meeting of the Birmingham and Midland Counties Branch was held at the Hen and Chickens Hotel, Birmingham, on Thursday, February 9th; J. B. MELSON, M.D., President, in the Chair. There were also present: H. Adkins, Esq. (Meriden); A. Alcock, Esq. (Smethwick); R. L. Baker, Esq. (Bordesley); E. Bartleet, Esq. (Birmingham); G. F. Bodington, Esq. (Kenilworth); F. T. Bond, M.D. (Birmingham); P. Chavasse, Esq. (Birmingham); E. Cheshire, Esq. (Birmingham); R. S. Cooper, Esq. (Oldbury); H. Duncalfe, Esq. (West Bromwich); A. Fleming, M.D. (Birmingham); J. J. Hadley, Esq. (Birmingham); J. Hitchman, Esq. (Leamington); J. J. Horton, Esq. (Birmingham); T. Howkins, Esq. (Birmingham); F. Jordan, Esq. (Birmingham); W. J. Kite, Esq. (West Bromwich); G. H. Marshall, M.D. (Birmingham); J. R. Nicholson, M.D. (Redditch); O. Pemberton, Esq. (Birmingham); J. Postgate, Esq. (Birmingham); J. Russell, M.D. (Birmingham); H. E. T. Shaw, Esq. (Sutton Coldfield); J. V. Solomon, Esq. (Birmingham); W. F. Wade, M.D. (Birmingham); T. W. Williams, Esq. (Birmingham); G. Yates, Esq. (Birmingham).

*The Royal College of Surgeons.* Mr. T. W. WILLIAMS proposed, and Mr. YATES seconded—

“That a protest be adopted for presentation to the Royal College of Surgeons of England, in reference to the admission to the diploma of membership of certain individuals who had not passed through the course of education which the Council had rendered compulsory.”

After a long discussion, the adoption of the protest was negatived by a considerable majority.

Mr. HADLEY gave notice that, at the next meeting of this Branch, he will move the adoption of a general protest against the admission, on the part of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, of gentlemen to examination who have not gone through the ordinary curriculum of medical study.

*New Members of the Branch.* Messrs. R. S. Cooper (Oldbury), and Shirley Belcher and Paul Belcher (Burton-on-Trent), members of the Association, were unanimously elected members of the Branch.

*Communications.* The following papers were read:—

1. Clinical Notes on Cancer of the Eye and Lids: Stereoscopic Pictures. By J. V. Solomon, Esq.
2. Cases of Syphilitic Disease of the Cranium. By J. Russell, M.D. [This paper is published at p. 165.]

#### BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH: ORDINARY MEETING.

An Ordinary Meeting of this Branch was held at the York House, Bath, February 23rd, 1860; J. G. DAVEY, M.D., President, in the Chair. There were also present: C. S. Barter, Esq. (Bath); J. S. Bartrum, Esq. (Bath); J. Beddoe, M.D. (Clifton); E. Boulton, Esq. (Bath); W. Budd, M.D. (Clifton); W. J. Church, Esq. (Bath); W. M. Clarke, Esq. (Clifton); E. Cockey, Esq. (Frome); G. C. Corbould, Esq. (Bristol); E. Crossman, Esq. (Hambrook); W. Davies, M.D. (Bath); G. W. Dyke, M.D. (Chippenham); J. J. Evans, Esq. (Bristol); R. S. Fowler, Esq. (Bath); E. L. Fox, M.D. (Bristol); Jas. Godfrey, Esq. (Bristol); J. M. Granville, Esq. (Bristol); Thos. Green, Esq. (Bristol); C. Harper, Esq. (Bath); W. Henderson, M.D. (Clifton); W. B. Herapath, M.D. (Bristol); J. Hinton, Esq. (Charterhouse Hinton); C. Leonard, Esq. (Bristol); F. Mason, Esq. (Bath); E. S. Mayor, Esq. (Bristol); J. Metford, Esq. (Clifton); G. Norman, Esq. (Bath); A. Prichard, Esq. (Clifton); G. Skinner, Esq. (Bath); J. K. Spender, Esq. (Bath); Geo. Terry, Esq. (Mells); J. Tunstall, M.D. (Bath); W. C. Walker, Esq. (Shepton Mallet); W. White, Esq. (Frome); and as visitors, J. A. Pearson, Esq. (Buxton); H. Marshall, M.D. (Bristol); F. P. Smith, M.D. (Evercreech); and Messrs. Craddock and Gaine.

*New Members.* Messrs. W. C. Walker, Henry Hitchcock Parry, and James St. John Gage Parsons, were elected members of the Branch.

*Resignation.* A letter from Farnham Flower, Esq., of Chilcompton, was read, intimating his retirement from the Association, on account of ill health; and a resolution of regret was unanimously adopted.

*Communications.* The following papers were read:—

1. Typhoid Fever: especially referring to Recent Cases in Bath. By W. Davies, M.D.
- 2, 3, 4. Cases of Tetanus. By E. L. Fox, M.D., C. Harper, Esq., and J. Hinton, Esq.
5. Case of Tubal Gestation. By J. M. Granville, Esq.
6. Phlebitis. By J. M. Granville, Esq.

[All these papers will be published in the *JOURNAL*.]

#### METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: ADJOURNED SPECIAL MEETING.

An adjourned special general meeting of the Metropolitan Counties Branch was held at 37, Soho Square, on Friday, February 24th, at 4 P.M., for the further consideration of the resolutions respecting the *JOURNAL*, brought forward by Dr. Stewart on January 31st.

There were present:—E. W. MURPHY, M.D., President, in the chair; J. W. Barnes, Esq. (Islington); W. Camps, M.D.; H. Coote, Esq.; A. Henry, M.D.; J. Hutchinson, Esq.; C. F. J. Lord, Esq. (Hampstead); W. Martin, Esq.; W. Ogle, M.D.; J. H. Paul, M.D. (Camberwell); J. Probert, Esq.; C. H. Rogers-Harrison, Esq.; C. H. F. Routh, M.D.; J. Seaton, M.D. (Sunderbury); A. P. Stewart, M.D.; G. Webster, M.D. (Dulwich); and A. Wynter, M.D.

*The Journal.* Mr. PROBERT expressed his conviction that the prosperity of the Association depended on its having a special organ.

Dr. WEBSTER had been surprised that the question as to the continuance of the *JOURNAL* had at all disturbed the Association. The experiment had been tried long ago, and had failed. Even the fortnightly *Journal*, with a volume of *Transactions*, were not sufficient: for his own part, while they existed, he could not ask gentlemen to join the Association. But, commensurate with the publication of a weekly *Journal*, there has been an increase in the number of members. He entirely supported the resolutions; for he believed that, if the *JOURNAL* were withdrawn, or made a fortnightly publication, the Association would cease to exist. Every endeavour should be made to improve the *JOURNAL*; and he thought that measures should be taken to increase the revenue from advertisements.

Dr. WYNTER said that the improvement of the *JOURNAL* was a question of money. Out of the guinea subscription, the sum allotted to the yearly volume, irrespective of general Association purposes, was about fifteen or sixteen shillings; while double that amount was paid by subscribers to the *Lancet* or *Medical Times*. In those periodicals, there were paid contributors in each department; and the same was wanted in the *BRITISH*

**MEDICAL JOURNAL.** The increase of the members of the Association had kept pace with the increased size and efficiency of the JOURNAL; and he did not doubt that a sum of £500, raised as a fund to be devoted to further improvement, would lead in a year or two to a very large augmentation of Associates. It must be remembered, too, that every new Associate yielded a large profit. With such an augmentation of subscribers as he anticipated, there would be no further need of extraneous aid. Dr. SEATON had suggested that each member should pay the postage, in addition to his guinea. This would be a good plan if it could be carried out; but there were objections to it, and he thought that, if a fund were to be raised, it must be by a voluntary tax.

Mr. LORD had, at the Oxford meeting in 1852, opposed the fortnightly Journal and the *Transactions*, as being weak and effete. The benefit which had arisen from a weekly Journal was so plain, that he was astonished that the question as to its continuance had ever been raised. It was a matter of surprise to him how the JOURNAL could be supplied for the present subscription. He felt that the JOURNAL promoted the objects of the Association, both scientific and professional.

Dr. SEATON thought that his proposal to make the members pay the postage of the JOURNAL was gaining favour. He preferred this to calling for private contributions.

Dr. HENRY spoke in favour of raising a working capital of from £500 to £800. If this could be done, the JOURNAL might be so much improved as to very greatly increase its influence in attracting members of the profession to join the Association; and, as the number of paying members increased, the revenue applicable to the JOURNAL would increase in a greater proportion.

Dr. OGLE suggested an additional subscription from all the members.

Mr. HOLMES COOTE said that, if the JOURNAL ceased, the Association would sink into oblivion. He, for one, should know nothing of it. The only difficulty in the way of improving the JOURNAL was insufficiency of funds; and, to meet this, he was in favour of a voluntary subscription. The placing the JOURNAL in an improved position would certainly increase the numbers of the Association.

Mr. HUTCHINSON thought that the JOURNAL of the Association should not discuss weekly topics of merely passing interest. He would like to see it published monthly, and devoted chiefly to scientific medicine, with a brief chronicle of news.

Dr. WEBSTER could not agree to the exclusion of the discussion of passing topics from the JOURNAL. The country members expect that it will keep them *au courant* with the course of things; and it was impossible to fulfil the requirements of the members except by a weekly journal.

Dr. STEWART said that the object of his resolutions was to put the question regarding the JOURNAL on a proper basis, and to obtain the affirmation of the propositions that a Journal was necessary for carrying out the objects of the Association, and that every endeavour ought to be made to improve it. At present, not nearly so much money was expended on the JOURNAL as ought to be; much more was paid by the other London journals to their editorial staff. If there were any means of saving the postage, it might be of service; but then the members would have to pay the postage in advance. A great difficulty in the management of the Association was produced by those members who do not punctually pay their subscriptions. He thought that it ought to be rigorously withheld from defaulters. As to Mr. Hutchinson's suggestion of a monthly Journal as the organ of the Association, he altogether dissented from it. There were matters coming forward at any time—and these not of ephemeral but of permanent interest, such as vaccination, hygiene, etc.—which could not possibly be discussed with effect in a monthly publication. A weekly Journal was absolutely necessary; and to make this what it ought to be, the editor ought to be provided with a paid staff, of competent contributors to the various departments. It was impossible for any editor singlehanded to give the JOURNAL that variety and excellence which it should possess; nor could he be expected to form a staff of men to aid him unless he were provided with the means of remunerating them. He would desire to have the matter placed by the Branch on a broad basis. Let it be asserted, that a Journal is necessary for carrying out the objects of the Association; and that it is the duty and interest of the Association to raise their organ to the highest professional and scientific position.

The resolutions were then put from the chair, and carried *nem. con.*, as follows:—

"1. That the British Medical Association, having for its ob-

jects 'the promotion of medical science and the maintenance of the honour and interests of the medical profession', cannot efficiently fulfil its mission without a weekly organ of its own.

"2. That it is not only the duty but the interest of the Association, to maintain a JOURNAL having a high professional position and scientific character.

"3. That this Branch would earnestly urge on the attention of the Council and Committee of Council of the Association, the propriety of devising and adopting such measures as shall place the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL in that commanding professional and scientific position which should distinguish the representative organ of so important a body."

Dr. SEATON proposed, and Mr. PROPERT seconded—

"That this meeting would earnestly direct the attention of the Council to the fact of the payment by the Association of the postage of the JOURNAL (by which a sum of more than £400 *per annum* is diverted from its legitimate purpose—that of improving the JOURNAL), as a subject deserving the serious attention of the Council."

The motion was carried.

## Reports of Societies.

### MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 1860.

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

#### CLINICAL DISCUSSION.

**Fracture of the Upper Jaw.** Mr. S. J. A. SALTER related the following case. A young gentleman, aged 17, while running to catch a ball in playing cricket, came violently into contact with one of his companions who was also running for the same purpose, and whose forehead struck against his upper jaw. This bone was fractured; and a piece, containing the bicuspid and the first molar on the right side, was driven inwards. This occurred on April 17th of last year. The patient was seen by Mr. May, jun., of Reading; and, on April 19th, Mr. Salter saw him. There was then a projection of the fractured part into the roof of the mouth, and a corresponding depression of the face. There was little swelling, nor much pain on touching. The cusps of the displaced teeth did not meet their fellows in the natural manner. Attempts to reduce the fracture caused great pain, and were attended with a sensation of crepitus; the bone, when reduced, would not remain in place. Mr. Salter prepared a gold plate to fit the roof of the mouth, so as to act a splint, and force outwards the inwardly projecting bone and teeth. The plate was fastened to the last incisor and the canine; then it reached backwards and to the right, and was again fastened to the second molar. Pressure was thus produced on the two bicuspid and the first molar. The apparatus was applied on April 23rd. At first, it produced a considerable feeling of pressure, amounting to tension rather than pain; but this soon went off. From April 27th, Mr. Salter saw the patient once a week; the plate being altered from time to time, so as to keep up the required pressure. On June 1st, the form of the arch of the mouth was found to be quite restored. The patient wore the plate for a considerable time afterwards, so that it was not possible to say precisely when bony union took place.

**Hypertrophy of the Labium.** Mr. DE MÉRIC exhibited the removed labium of a girl aged about 15. There would not be anything remarkable in this; but the state in which it was first seen was interesting. He was informed that she had been suffering for some time, and had been seen by a surgeon, who had opened an abscess of the labium. The labium, however, did not get smaller; and she was brought to Mr. De Méric. The right labium was greatly enlarged, and formed a tumour, a little smaller than a lemon, attached to the vulva by a pedicle. It seemed as if the labium had been partly emptied of its pus, and that secretion had gone on, so that it had become a peduncular tumour. He removed it, and applied three *serres-fines*; the wound healed by the first intention. His object was to state that, if a large opening were not made into the cavity of the abscess of the labium, there was a liability of hypertrophy of the kind of which he had given a specimen.

**Influence of Maternal Emotion on the Fetus.** Mr. DE MÉRIC also related the following case. Some days ago, at the German

was extremely hysterical; but, by the administration of a few doses of assafoetida, the hysteroid symptoms disappeared. The creasote injection was again given, increased to sixteen minims. On July 3rd, the patient was better; and from this date to the 14th, when she took her discharge, no unfavourable symptom appeared. Her convalescence was in every respect satisfactory, and she left the infirmary apparently quite well. In the use of vaginal injections after childbirth, it is important to avoid all risk of exposure of the patient to cold. Hence a suitable slipper should be employed; and the injecting apparatus should be provided with a tube sufficiently long to be conveyed under the bedclothes without occasioning any exposure of the patient's body.

## Parliamentary Intelligence.

HOUSE OF LORDS.—Monday, February 27th, 1860.

**BLEACHING AND DYEING WORKS.** Lord BROUGHAM wished to ask a question upon a subject very important to the working classes of this country—he meant that of the employment of women and children of tender age in the dyeing and bleaching processes. He had scarcely ever read anything equal to the disclosures made in some reports of members of that and the other House of Parliament, and in tracts which had been recently issued, having reference to this matter. For hours after he had read the particulars contained in these documents, he had been unable to get the subject discharged from his mind. He thought it monstrous that children of seven and eight years of age should be kept eighteen hours at work, sometimes for three or four days together, so that they could not be kept awake without resort being had to violent means; added to which, they endured constant suffering in the limbs from excoriation, which it was frightful to read of, and would be painful to state. The Factory Act of 1844 had done great good, though all the benefits which his noble friend (the Earl of Shaftesbury) had desired, had not been obtained. He hoped means would be taken for extending every necessary protection to persons engaged in bleaching and dyeing works.

Earl GRANVILLE said he would make a point of inquiring into the subject.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—Thursday, February 23rd, 1860.

**LUNATICS.** Mr. WALPOLE moved that a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the operation of the Acts of Parliament and regulations for the care and treatment of lunatics and their property. The motion was agreed to.

Friday, February 24th.

**NAVAL MEDICAL OFFICERS.** Sir E. GROGAN asked the Secretary to the Admiralty if it was intended to carry into effect the spirit of the late naval warrant, as regarded medical officers in the navy, by granting to these officers when serving afloat naval rank and uniform, with the distinctive badges of rank corresponding to the military rank granted to them by this warrant, both afloat and when serving with Her Majesty's forces ashore.

Lord C. PAGET stated that the naval warrants, as regarded medical officers in the navy, had been carried out with respect to pay and to rank. With regard to uniform, the Admiralty were only waiting for the decision the House came to the other night; and as to the masters and engineers, the decision had already taken effect.

Monday, February 27th.

**ADMINISTRATION OF POISON BILL.** This Bill was read the second time.

**MEDICAL ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.** Mr. WHITESIDE moved the second reading of this Bill, which, he said, was intended to restore to the University of Dublin the power of granting licences in surgery, which the University possessed three hundred years ago, and which was omitted, he believed, by an accidental omission in the late Act for regulating medical degrees.

Mr. CRAWFORD opposed the Bill, which was supported by Mr. CARDWELL.

The LORD ADVOCATE opposed the Bill, as likely to interfere with the proceedings of the Edinburgh School of Surgery.

Mr. WHITESIDE contended there was no favour to Ireland in this Bill, and that it did not concern Scotland. The fact was, that several young gentlemen had won appointments as sur-

geons in the army and other departments by competitive examination; but they could not get a licence from their University, as the power had been taken from the College, as he contended, by an omission.

Mr. VANCE would not oppose the Bill, though his constituents had instructed him to oppose the measure of last year.

Mr. LEFROY supported the Bill, and said it applied to no other College in Ireland than that of Dublin.

Mr. COWPER thought that the Bill should be referred to the Medical Council, to enable them to petition the House for or against the Bill.

Mr. KINNAIRD considered it very unfair to press the Bill to a division at a late hour of the night, after members had gone away in the expectation that no opposition would be taken.

The Bill was then read a second time.

Tuesday, February 28th.

**THE SERPENTINE.** On the motion of Mr. COWPER, it was ordered that a Select Committee should be appointed to consider the means of effectually cleansing the Serpentine.

Wednesday, February 29th.

**ADMINISTRATION OF POISONS.** The Bill was read a third time, and passed.

**ADULTERATION OF FOOD AND DRINK.** Mr. WISE, in moving the order for the House going into committee on the Adulteration of Food or Drink Bill, called attention to the extensive adulteration of articles of food, drink, and drugs, against which individuals, especially the poor, could not protect themselves, and by which the commercial character of the country was affected. He read extracts from the report of a committee of that House, which had found that a long list of articles were sophisticated, some of them with matters of noxious and deleterious qualities.

Mr. SCULLY approved the principle, but objected to the machinery of the Bill, which, in his opinion, was not adapted to prevent adulteration, and could not be amended in the committee so as to effect the object in view. He suggested what he thought would be a more effectual remedy, by the appointment of a Board of analysts, composed of scientific men, empowered to enter shops, without notice, examine all the articles for sale, and classify vendors according to the qualities of the commodities they sold.

Mr. CAVE approved the principle of a Bill of this kind, but believed this Bill would be ineffectual for its purpose.

The discussion which followed, and in which Mr. JOHN LOCKE, Mr. PEACOCKE, Mr. HARDY, Lord FERMOY, Mr. WALTER, and Mr. AYRTON took part, ended in the House going into committee upon the Bill, the first and third clauses of which, after a long discussion, and a severe critical scrutiny of the wording of the first clause, were agreed to, with amendments (the second clause being postponed), after which further proceedings were adjourned.

## Medical News.

### FORMATION OF AN ASSOCIATION OF REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS IN SCOTLAND.

ON Friday, February 23, a large meeting of medical practitioners residing in Edinburgh, Glasgow, and other parts of Scotland, was held at the Royal Hotel, Edinburgh, for the purpose of forming an association under the above title. Among those present were, the Presidents of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons of Edinburgh; Professors Christison, Syme, Simpson, and Miller (Edinburgh); Professor Lister (Glasgow); Drs. Andrew Wood, MacLagan, Newbigging, C. Cumming, Inglis, Combe, Omond, Young, John Struthers, James Struthers, Gairdner, Keiller, etc. Professor Christison was called to the chair, and made some observations on the necessity of organising an association in Scotland for the purpose of carrying out the Medical Act.

Professor SYME moved—"That it is expedient to form in Scotland an association of registered medical practitioners, for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of the Medical Act, to be called the Scottish Registered Medical Practitioners' Association."

Mr. WATT, surgeon, of Glasgow, seconded the motion, which was carried.

Dr. ALEXANDER WOOD moved the adoption of a series of proposed regulations for the constitution of the Society.

Dr. SANDERSON, of Musselburgh, seconded the resolution, which was carried, with the addition of the words, on the

suggestion of Dr. Strachan, of Dollen, that the stated objects of the association should be "to promote the general interests of the profession."

Dr. DOUGLAS MACLAGAN moved, and Mr. Craig (Ratho) seconded, "That Dr. Christison be elected the president of the association, and that Dr. James Gillespie be appointed secretary, and Dr. Omond treasurer."

Professor SIMPSON moved, and Dr. TURNBULL (Coldstream) seconded, the appointment of a committee to take charge of the register.

On the motion of Dr. BONNAR (Cupar), a vote of thanks was given to Dr. Christison, for presiding.

The following were the regulations agreed on:—

1. That an association be formed which shall be called, "The Scottish Registered Medical Practitioners' Association."
2. That its object shall be to promote the enforcement of the Medical Act.
3. That it shall consist of registered medical practitioners only.
4. That the election of members shall be by ballot, a majority of three-fourths of those present at the ballot to be required for admission.
5. That each member on entrance shall pay ten shillings, and a subsequent annual subscription to be regulated by circumstances, and not to exceed ten shillings in any year.
6. That a committee shall be appointed annually, in which shall be represented the members from different parts of the country, for the purpose of watching the working of the Medical Act, and transacting the business of the Society.
7. That local sub-committees shall be constituted in the large towns of Scotland.
8. That one-third of the members of the committee shall retire by rotation annually, but shall be immediately re-eligible.
9. That a president, a treasurer, and secretary, be elected annually.
10. That the association shall hold a general meeting annually, for the purpose of electing office-bearers, of receiving the annual reports of the committee and various sub-committees, of revising the laws, and of transacting such other business as may be brought forward by members, it being necessary that notice of such business should have been intimated to the secretary ten days previously to the meeting.
11. That special general meetings may be summoned at any time, on a requisition signed by eight members, and addressed to the secretary, stating the object of the meeting; at least ten days notice shall be given to the members of such meetings.
12. The chairman shall have both a deliberative and casting vote at general meetings.
13. In absence of the president, the meeting shall choose a chairman to preside from amongst the members present.
14. Meetings of the committee and sub-committee shall be held quarterly, and at other times *pro re nata* when called by the secretary.
15. The treasurer shall receive all moneys, which he shall lodge in a bank in his own name, as treasurer of the association. He shall not retain in his hands a sum above £10, nor shall any sums be withdrawn from the bank unless by cheque signed by two members of the committee besides the treasurer.
16. The committee shall be empowered to employ law-agents, and to consult counsel when necessary.
17. Such prosecutions under the Medical Act as do not fall within the province of the public prosecutor may be undertaken by the committee.
18. A majority of two-thirds of the committee shall be required to take any step in any case recommended for prosecution.

#### HEALTH OF LONDON—FEBRUARY 25TH, 1860.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

	Births.	Deaths.
During week .....	{ Boys.. 977 } 1964 .. 1500	{ Girls.. 987 }
Average of corresponding weeks 1849-58 .....	1738 .. 1349	
Among the causes of death were—bronchitis, 251; pneumonia, 131; phthisis, 171; small-pox, 39; scarlatina, 33; measles, 13; diphtheria, 15; whooping-cough, 63. The deaths from pulmonary diseases (exclusive of phthisis) were 420, being 143 above the corrected average.		
Barometer:		
Highest (Thur.) 30.076; lowest (Mon.) 29.342; mean 29.763.		
Thermometer:		
In sun—highest (Sat.) 83.0 degrees; lowest (Mon. & Tu.) 55.0 degrees.		
In shade—highest (Sun.) 48.0 degrees; lowest (Fri.) 24.3 degrees.		
Mean—34.5 degrees; difference from mean of 43 yrs.—4.3 degrees.		
Range—during week, 23.7 degrees; mean daily, 31.1 degrees.		
Mean humidity of air (saturation=100), 82.		
Mean direction of wind, Var.—Rain in inches, 0.03.		

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