

Association Intelligence.

REPORT OF MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL:

Held in Birmingham, on Tuesday, the 20th instant.

PRESENT:—Sir C. Hastings (in the Chair); Mr. Bartleet; Mr. Cartwright; Mr. Husband; Dr. B. W. Richardson; Mr. Solomon; Mr. Southam; Dr. A. P. Stewart; Mr. H. Terry; Dr. A. T. H. Waters; Dr. Webster; Mr. Watkin Williams; and Dr. P. H. Williams.

The following Financial Report for the year 1859, was presented by the Treasurer, and unanimously adopted by the Committee. The accounts had been audited by Dr. Melson and Mr. Hadley of Birmingham (in accordance with Law 23). [See Report below.]

The Laws of the Shropshire Ethical Branch were sanctioned.

The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd days of August (Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday), were fixed upon for the next annual meeting of the Association at Torquay.

CHARLES HASTINGS.

PHILIP H. WILLIAMS, M.D., *General Secretary.*

Worcester, March 23rd, 1860.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

In obedience to the laws of this Association, your Committee proceed to publish a financial statement of the receipts and expenditure for the year ending December 31st, 1859. The accounts have been audited by Dr. Melson and Mr. Hadley, both of Birmingham, who were appointed to perform that office at the Liverpool meeting of the Association in July last.

The statement of accounts, as examined and found correct by them, is as follows:—

Receipts to December 31st, 1859.

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| Subscriptions | 2038 | 0 | 6 |
| Donation from Bath and Bristol Branch | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Contribution Fund | 6 | 14 | 0 |
| Advertisements, etc. | 737 | 5 | 10 |
| | 2797 | 0 | 4 |

Expenditure to December 31st, 1859.

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| Due to Treasurer, December 1858..... | 293 | 10 | 1½ |
| JOURNAL EXPENSES: | | | |
| Richards (Printer) | 1760 | 9 | 0 |
| Honeyman (Sundries) | 110 | 1 | 8 |
| Davidson (Commission) | 65 | 0 | 6 |
| Orrin Smith (Engraver) | 8 | 19 | 6 |
| Salaries:—Dr. Wynter, Dr. Henry, and Mr. Holmes | 450 | 0 | 0 |
| Interest and Commission at Bankers.... | 23 | 10 | 2 |
| Reporters (two years) | 14 | 14 | 0 |
| EXECUTIVE EXPENSES: | | | |
| Secretaries' Sundries | 15 | 12 | 7 |
| District expenses; Post-office orders, Stamped envelopes; and Collecting .. | 13 | 17 | 7 |
| Secretary and Clerk | 117 | 0 | 0 |
| Expenditure | 2872 | 15 | 1½ |
| Receipts for 1859 | 2797 | 0 | 4 |
| Balance due to Treasurer | 75 | 14 | 9½ |
| <i>Assets.</i> | | | |
| Arrears | 450 | 0 | 0 |
| Advertisements | 350 | 0 | 0 |
| | 800 | 0 | 0 |

Liabilities.

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| Due to Treasurer | 75 | 14 | 9½ |
| Bills due to Printer and Publisher | 657 | 19 | 0 |
| | 733 | 13 | 9½ |
| Balance in favour of Association | 66 | 6 | 2½ |

Your Committee consider this the most favourable financial statement that has been made for several years. The subscriptions are nearly £250 better than for the year 1858; and the advertisements have improved considerably. The expenditure is higher, which is a necessary consequence of the increase in the number of members. Altogether, the balance due to the Treasurer is diminished from £293 to £75.

It will be seen also that, after all the liabilities have been brought into account, there was a balance of assets in favour of the Association on the first of January 1860.

It would doubtless be better, if the Association had cash in hand to meet the demands on its funds, instead of being always in debt to the Treasurer.

The attention of the Association was called to this circumstance at the last annual meeting; and some exertions have been consequently made to abate the evil.

The Bath and Bristol Branch have generously made a donation of fifteen pounds towards payment of the debt to the Treasurer.

At the Liverpool meeting, it was agreed, that the members of the Association should be requested to make a voluntary contribution towards improving the finances of the Association, by adding five shillings to their subscription for the years 1860 and 1861.

The receipts for the past year contain only a small sum in reply to this appeal; but if the small sum above indicated should be contributed by each member, it will bring more than £1000 into the exchequer; and by the end of the year 1861, this sum would form a capital, by which the affairs of the JOURNAL could be carried on without the Association ever being indebted either to the treasurer, or printer, or publisher.

This would be a great benefit to the Association; for most of the difficulties that have been experienced in the publication of the JOURNAL have arisen from the work having been carried on without any capital to begin with.

Your Committee need scarcely reiterate what they have so often said, as to the necessity of the punctual payment of subscriptions. It must be evident to all, that one guinea per annum is a very small sum to pay for a weekly journal; and therefore, every member ought to feel in conscience bound to pay his subscription promptly and cheerfully.

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

| NAME OF BRANCH. | PLACE OF MEETING. | DATE. |
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| BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES. | Hen and Chickens Hotel, Birmingham. | Thursday, April 19th, 6 P.M. |
| [Ordinary Meeting.] | | |

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.

THE DIPLOMA OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

At a meeting of the Bath and Bristol Branch, held at Bath, on February 23rd, 1860, the following protest to the President and Council of the Royal College of Surgeons was signed by thirty-four fellows and members of the College.

"We, the undersigned fellows and members of the Royal College of Surgeons of England residing in the neighbourhood of Bristol and Bath, have read in the public press with much dismay, that certain individuals have recently received the diploma of membership of your Royal College without passing through the prescribed curriculum of study or undergoing the ordinary examination, and thereby persons only half educated have been admitted into the profession.

"We hereby protest most earnestly against such indulgence being shown to any persons, as being an infringement on the rights and privileges of the members, and tending to lower the status of the profession, and to nullify the salutary enactments of the Medical Act."

The following reply has been received:—

"Royal College of Surgeons, March 19th.

"SIR,—The protest of the 27th ult., of yourself and other fellows and members of the College, residing in the neighbourhood of Bristol and Bath, against the admission to the membership of this College of individuals who had not passed through the prescribed curriculum of study, has been submitted to the Council of this College; and I am directed to state, for the information of the gentlemen who signed the protest:—

"1. That three gentlemen only have received the diploma

of this College under the circumstances alluded to in your protest.

"2. That these three gentlemen were admitted to examination on grounds which, after mature deliberation, were deemed sufficient; and that their examinations satisfied the Court of Examiners that they were qualified to practise their profession.

"3. That no candidate has been admitted to examination under similar circumstances since the 9th of December last; on which date the last of these three gentlemen was examined.

"I am, etc.,

"EDMUND BELFOUR, *Secretary.*"

MIDLAND BRANCH: ORDINARY MEETING.

THE ordinary quarterly meeting of the Midland Branch was held at Derby, in the Board Room of the Infirmary, on March 22nd, J. W. JOHNSON, Esq., President of the Branch, in the chair. There were also present:—J. Baker, Esq. (Derby); A. Dolman, Esq. (Derby); S. W. Fearn, Esq. (Derby); H. Gisborne, Esq. (Derby); H. Goode, M.D. (Derby); J. Heygate, M.D. (Derby); J. Hitchman, M.D. (Mickleover); G. B. Norman, Esq. (Ilkeston); Ch. Walker, Esq. (Wirksworth).

New Members. Two new members were proposed, and elected unanimously—viz., Henry Wade, Esq. (Derby); George Garnham, Esq. (Ripley).

Communications. The following paper was read:—Cases of Gangrene after Injury, in which Amputation had been performed with success. By A. H. Dolman, Esq. Mr. Dolman exhibited the subjects of the operations to the meeting.

Poor-Law Medical Reform. A petition to Parliament on the subject of Poor-Law reform was then brought before the meeting, and it was agreed to send one signed by the members of the Branch.

The Medical Act. Dr. GOODE read to the meeting a letter from the secretary of the London Registration Association relating to the working of the Medical Act, and suggested its being referred to the committee of the Derbyshire Association. In the discussion arising out of the letter

Dr. HITCHMAN expressed himself warmly, to the effect that the medical profession, as a body, would gain no efficient redress from the Medical Act unless it could in some way check the lax and mercenary manner in which the licensing and collegiate bodies were disposing of their diplomas. The Apothecaries' Company had been often taunted as being "a trading body;" but they had never sold their diplomas; nor had the council of a great association like that to which they had the honour to belong ever passed a resolution condemnatory of the company's proceedings such as the following, which stands on record in reference to the Edinburgh College of Physicians:—"That the recent proceedings of the Edinburgh College of Physicians in the sale of their licence, *without examination*, to gentlemen not already physicians, was not called for to meet any want in the profession; and that, inasmuch as it tends to lower the *status* of the physician, without elevating that of the general practitioner, it is calculated in every way to prove injurious to the profession." Public indignation, and a resolution of the Medical Council, had caused that body to introduce what they called a "*modified examination*"; and what that was the Branch would have no difficulty in understanding. Their own College of Surgeons was blameworthy. What amount of empiricism may not flourish when, in reply to a remonstrance like that addressed by the Birmingham and Midland Counties Registration Association against the admission into the College "of persons not regularly educated", the Council of the College could have the effrontery to justify their conduct on the plea that "the highly penal clauses of the Medical Act" obliged the College "to relax its rules"? We are complaining that the Act allows uneducated people to practise with impunity; and yet many of our colleges consider the Act already too "highly penal", and throw open their portals to "certain persons"; and sell their licenses to practise, in some cases "without examination", and to others with that mockery called "*a modified examination*".

The meeting cordially agreed with the justice of the remarks, and a memorial to the Royal College of Surgeons on the subject was resolved upon, and signed by all the members of the College who were present. After votes of thanks to the chairman for his conduct in the chair, and to the Infirmary Board for the use of their room, the meeting broke up.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

THE following gentlemen have joined the Association from the commencement of the present year.

BEDFORDSHIRE.

Chapman, Thomas, Jun., Esq., Ampthill
Collingwood, William, Esq., Ampthill
Farr, Frederick, Esq., Dunstable
Hicks, Charles C., Esq., Dunstable
Hubert, W. A., Esq., Markyate Street
Woakes, Edward, Jun., Esq., Luton

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

Daniell, William C., Esq., Stony Stratford
Halley, Hammett, Esq., Newport Pagnell

CHESHIRE.

Bellyse, Edward S., M.D., Nantwich
Brittain, Thomas, Esq., Senior Surgeon to the Infirmary, Chester
Edwards, E., Esq., Crewe
Harrison, Job, Esq., Chester

CORNWALL.

Berryman, John P., Esq., St. Austell
Davis, Arthur A., Esq., Fowey
Gaved, Arthur, Esq., St. Mabyn, Bodmin
Hiehens, James S., Esq., Redruth
Hill, Thomas, Esq., Grampound
McMann, R., Esq., St. Austell
Marrack, William, Esq., Liskeard
Pattison, W. T. A., Esq., Fowey
Pearce, William, Esq., St. Tudy, Bodmin
Sellers, John M., M.B., Gunnislake, Calstock
Vincent, Philip, Esq., Camborne
Williams, Joseph, Esq., Helston
Woode, H. T., Esq., Sandhill, Calstock

DERBYSHIRE.

Dolman, Arthur H., Esq., House Surgeon to the General Infirmary, Derby
Garnham, George, Esq., Ripley
Wade, Henry, Esq., Derby

DEVONSHIRE.

Clarke, James E., Esq., Paignton
Drake, Augustus, M.B., Physician to the Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter
Hartland, W. B., Esq., Torquay
Pollard, James, Esq., St. Marychurch, Torquay
Risdon, William, Esq., Dolton, Crediton

ESSEX.

Goodchild, Arthur, Esq., Little Waltham

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Parsons, James St. J. G., M.R.C.P. Ed., Bristol
Swayne, Joseph G., M.D., Physician-Accoucheur to the Bristol General Hospital, and Lecturer on Midwifery in the Medical School, Bristol
Wollaston, R., M.R.C.P., Cheltenham

HERTFORDSHIRE.

Gaffney, Charles, Esq., Buntingford

KENT.

Wardell, John R., M.D., Tunbridge Wells

LANCASHIRE.

Cort, W. G., M.D., Blackburn
Walling, J., M.D., Preston

MIDDLESEX.

Cockle, John, M.D., Physician to the Royal Free Hospital, and Lecturer on Medicine at the Grosvenor Place School of Medicine, Brook Street
Garrod, Alfred B., M.D., F.R.S., Physician to University College Hospital, and Lecturer on Materia and Therapeutics in University College, Harley Street
Gibbon, Septimus, M.B., Medical Officer of Health for the Holborn District, Finsbury Square
Goodchild, John, Esq., Ealing
Harvey, William, Esq., Surgeon to the Dispensary for Diseases of the Ear, Soho Square
Martin, William, Esq., George Street, Hanover Square
Millar, John, Esq., Bethnal House, Cambridge Heath
Price, Peter C., Esq., Surgeon to the Great Northern Hospital, Green Street, Grosvenor Square
Robinson, Thomas, M.D., Cumming Street, Pentonville
Rogers, William R., M.D., Berners Street, Oxford Street
Walton, Haynes, Esq., Surgeon to St. Mary's Hospital and to the Central London Ophthalmic Hospital, Brook Street

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

Dryland, J. W., Esq., Kettering

SHROPSHIRE.

Bratton, James, Esq., Shrewsbury
Davis, Edward, Esq., Ditton Priors
Wetherhead, Thomas, Esq., Manslow

SOMERSET.

Michael, David, Esq., House Physician to the United Hospital, Bath
Parry, Henry H., Esq., House Surgeon to the General Hospital, Bath

STAFFORDSHIRE.

Belcher, Paul, Esq., Burton-on-Trent

Belcher, Shirley, Esq., Burton-on-Trent

WARWICKSHIRE.

Bodington, George F., Esq., Kenilworth

WORCESTERSHIRE.

Cooper, Thomas R., Esq., Oldbury

YORKSHIRE.

Ellis, William, Esq., Morley, near Leeds
Gillard, Richard, Esq., Hovingham
Munroe, Henry, M.D., Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence in the School of Medicine, Hull
Sleight, Robert L., Esq., Hull

WALES.

Jenkins, Josiah R., Esq., Ruthin
Evans, David, M.D., Llanfyllin
Jones, Richard, Esq., Newtown
Slyman, W., M.D., Newtown Hall
Thomas, W. W., Esq., Llanfair

FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Scott, Thomas A. F., Esq., Lombay Army

ON SUPPORTING THE PERINEUM.

LETTER FROM J. T. BECK, ESQ.

SIR,—Not being an associate, I should not have ventured to have addressed you on this subject, but that I have been surprised that not one of the replies to this question have contained any allusion to the use of chloroform as a means of producing relaxation of the rigid perineum, and thus preventing laceration. I was first induced to use it by the perusal of Dr. Murphy's pamphlet on *Chloroform in Childbirth*; and for the last four years, whenever I have had an unusually rigid perineum, I have employed it with the best effects. The parts have become soft and yielding; and I believe in many cases, the birth of the head has been facilitated.

I agree with Dr. Snow Beck, that a slight amount of laceration is not uncommon, and may often escape observation. The shrinking of the patient when my finger has come into contact with the fourchette in proceeding to remove the placenta, has often first drawn my attention to it. I think this may happen even when chloroform is used, though I do not recollect an instance. In one case, where the laceration was somewhat considerable, and caused, I believe, by the passage of the shoulders, I kept the patient's bowels confined for a week, and no ill results followed. As the patient had already borne three children at the full period, and the parts did not appear rigid, I had not in this case deemed it necessary to exhibit chloroform.

I am, etc.,

J. THEOPHILUS BECK.

23, Causeway, Cambridge, March 16th, 1860.

ON SUPPORTING THE PERINEUM.

LETTER FROM W. LEISHMAN, M.D.

SIR,—In the letter which you did me the favour to publish in the last number of your JOURNAL, I stated it as my opinion, in reference to the mechanical support of the perineum, that, "if gently employed, it may in many cases do no harm." As the word "quickly" has been substituted in your impression for that which I have placed in italics, you will see that the meaning of the whole sentence is completely destroyed.

May I request, therefore, that you will rectify this, either by an editorial note, or by the insertion of this letter.

I am, etc.,

WILLIAM LEISHMAN.

60, Bath Street, Glasgow, March 26, 1860.

[The error to which Dr. Leishman refers is at p. 234, in the eleventh line from the bottom of the first column. The readers of the JOURNAL will perhaps be kind enough to make the necessary correction with a pen, by substituting "gently" for "quickly". EDITOR.]

Parliamentary Intelligence.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—Monday, March 26th, 1860.

THE LUNACY LAWS. Mr. TORRENS rose to ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when it was intended to nominate the Select Committee on the Lunacy Laws, sanctioned by the House on the 23rd of February last, more than a month ago? and whether it was intended, without further delay, to submit reports on the evidence already given on the Lunacy Laws before Select Committees during the two previous Sessions, with the view to legislate for the amelioration of the condition and the treatment of patients confined in insane asylums.

Sir G. GREY, in the absence of the Home Secretary, replied that the Committee upon the Lunacy Laws was re-appointed this Session upon the motion of the right honourable gentleman the member for the University of Cambridge (Mr. Walpole). It had taken a great deal of evidence, and his right honourable friend the Chairman had undertaken to submit to it resolutions which would probably be the foundation of a report. If the honourable gentleman would communicate privately with his right honourable friend, he would probably give him further information.

Tuesday, March 27th.

POOR-LAW MEDICAL RELIEF. Mr. PIGOTT obtained leave to bring in a Bill on the subject of Poor-Law Medical Relief,

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with a view to improve the position of the medical officers, and to secure more efficient relief to the poorer classes.

Wednesday, March 28th.

LUNATICS. Mr. WALPOLE nominated the Select Committee on lunatics as follows:—Mr. Walpole, Mr. Tite, Sir G. Grey, Mr. Whitbread, Colonel Clifford, Mr. Coningham, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Horsman, Mr. Briscoe, Mr. Rolt, Mr. Henley, Mr. M. Milnes, and Mr. Kekewich.

POOR-LAW MEDICAL REFORM. Petitions in favour of an amendment of the law respecting the medical relief of the poor have been presented from medical officers in Leeds; from the students of the London Hospital; from the students of the Middlesex Hospital; from medical officers of Northleach Union; from physicians and surgeons of Bailyborough, Ireland; from Shoreditch, from gentlemen in the medical profession, officers of unions, and others; from Dalston and its neighbourhood; from Newton Abbot; from Waterford; from the medical officer of the Coleford district of the Monmouth Union; from Lacock and Chippenham, Wilts, etc.

RETURN OF CAUSES OF DEATH. Petitions from medical practitioners in Scotland, against the compulsory return of the cause of death, have been presented (fifteen from Glasgow and two from Inverness-shire) from Millport; from Newblyth; from Berwick-upon-Tweed; from Orkney and Zetland; from Aytton and Cockburnspath, Berwickshire; from Helensburgh; and from the Kirk Session of Eastwood, Renfrewshire.

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—

DUCKET, Clarke A., Esq., Surgeon R.N., at Anglesey, Hants, on March 22.

NOBLE, William, Esq., Surgeon, Thame, on March 24. (Premature—stillborn.)

* SYMPSON, Thomas, Esq., Lincoln, on March 22.

WELLS, W. W., Esq., Surgeon Bengal Medical Service, at Cheltenham, on March 20.

MARRIAGES.

JOHNSTON, Theophilus P., Esq., Assistant-Surgeon Bombay Establishment, to Elizabeth, second daughter of the late Commander H. Pook, R.N., at Dublin, on March 15.

MEREDITH, Spencer, Esq., Assistant-Surgeon Madras Fusiliers, to Anna Maria, second daughter of Thomas Davidson, M.D., of Bayswater, at Madras, on February 23.

* PARTRIDGE, Samuel, Esq., Darlaston, to Martha C., youngest daughter of the late Henry V. GARMAN, Esq., Surgeon, Bow, at St. Mary, Stratford, on March 21.

DEATHS.

ADCOCK, George R., Esq., Surgeon, at Brentford, aged 25, on March 17.

COX. On March 20th, at Long Buckby, Arthur John, infant twin son of Arthur Cox, Esq.

DIXON. On March 22nd, at Storrington, Sussex, Emma, wife of Harvey W. Dixon, Esq., Surgeon.

LAVIES. On March 23rd, at 11, Warwick Square, aged 11 months, George H., fifth son of Joseph S. Lavies, M.D.

WADDINGTON. On March 20th, at Kingsland, Anne Isabella, widow of the late Joshua Waddington, Esq., Surgeon, of Margate.

WALTON. On March 24th, at Paddington, aged 9, Edmund H. I., son of *H. Haynes Walton, Esq., of Brook Street.

PASS LISTS.

APOTHECARIES' HALL. LICENTIATES admitted on Thursday, March 22nd, 1860:—

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| HALL, Robert A., Grantham | RIVINGTON, Walter |
| GREENHILL, J. R., Lewes | SPOUNCER, Fredk. C., Gainsborough, Lincolnshire |
| MEADE, Henry, Bradford | |

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS. MEMBERS admitted at a meeting of the Court of Examiners, on March 23rd:—

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| BARRATT, Alfred, Birmingham | KING, Wm. H., Camelford, Cornwall |
| BLAKE, George A., Camberwell Green | MEEK, W. S., Tarporley |
| BOSSY, Lewis, Islington | PORTER, Charles, Birmingham |
| DEMPSEY, W. C., Fleet Street | SAUNDERS, C., Foulsham |
| FITZPATRICK, T., Northampton | SPRAGUE, C., Kimbolton |
| HALL, Fredk., Barnoldswick, near Colne, Lancashire | TAYLORSON, John, Whitby |
| HARVEY, W. G., Penzance | TUXFORD, J. E., Boston |
| HEWITSON, Chas. Christopher, Weirdale, Durham | VERTUE, F. H., Southwold, Wangford, Suffolk |
| HUGHES, G. W., Ipswich | WATKINS, G., Chepstow |

The above gentlemen had all been admitted Licentiates of the Hall: their diplomas bearing date from 1819 down to 1855.

LIVERPOOL MEDICAL REGISTRATION ASSOCIATION.

A SPECIAL meeting of the members was held at the Medical Institution, Mount Pleasant, on Tuesday, March 20; ELLIS JONES, Esq., President of the Society, in the Chair. There were also present: Drs. Stookes, J. H. Wilson, Neil, Craig, Anderton, Turnbull, Skinner; Messrs. McCheane, J. T. Paterson, Bickerton, Speer, Burrows, Rowe, Flinn, Steel, etc.

The CHAIRMAN said the meeting was called in consequence of a communication which had been received from the London Medical Registration Association, requesting that steps might be taken to obtain the opinions of the members in reference to "those alterations in the Medical Act which increasing experience proves to be necessary"; and that those opinions might "be embodied in form of resolutions", and transmitted to the sub-committee in London now engaged in considering this subject. The Liverpool Committee had met, and carefully gone over the sections of the Act, and had prepared resolutions, which would be submitted to the meeting.

After a full discussion, in which most of those present took part, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

Proposed by Mr. MCHEANE, and seconded by Mr. BICKERTON—

"That in Section 36 of the Medical Act, the words 'not wholly supported by voluntary contributions,' be omitted."

Proposed by Mr. STEELE, and seconded by Dr. STOOKES—

"That Section 40 requires an additional clause, rendering it penal for any person not on the *Register* to act or practise for gain or reward as a physician, surgeon, etc., etc.; and in the same section, the words 'recognised by law as' should either be altogether omitted, or their meaning more clearly defined."

Proposed by Mr. BICKERTON, and seconded by Mr. BURROWS—

"That in Section 42, after the word 'aforesaid,' the rest of the section be omitted, and the following to be substituted: 'Shall be applied and disposed of in manner following; viz., one-half thereof to the prosecutor and prosecutors, and one-half thereof to the Treasurer of the Medical Council.'"

Proposed by Dr. CRAIG, and seconded by Dr. SKINNER—

"That Section 48 be altogether repealed."

Proposed by Dr. J. H. WILSON, and seconded by Dr. NEIL—

"That a copy of the proceedings of this meeting be sent to the Honorary Secretary of the London Medical Registration Association."

A general conversation followed.

The HONORARY SECRETARY stated that the Association had already effected much good in Liverpool. A number of unqualified persons, on receiving a warning from the Vigilance Committee, had discontinued the use of illegal titles, including a 'surgeon chirodopist', and a 'dental surgeon'. Several medical men, who had hitherto neglected to place their names upon the *Register*, had consented to do so at the request of the Committee. The only case in which legal proceedings had been taken, the summons was dismissed, from an entire misapprehension, the Committee believed, of the intention and powers of the Act; and there was no doubt but that the Committee would shortly succeed in their endeavour to obtain a decision more in accordance with common sense and with the intention of the legislature.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman and to the Committee concluded the business.

DERBYSHIRE MEDICAL REGISTRATION ASSOCIATION.

A MEETING of this Association was held at Derby, in the Board-room of the Infirmary, on February 23rd, to consider the propriety of amalgamating with the London Association, in order to carry out the provisions of the Medical Act in restraining illegal practice: J. W. JOHNSON, Esq., the President, in the Chair. There were also present: J. Baker, Esq. (Derby); C. Borough, Esq. (Derby); F. Borough, Esq. (Derby); T. C. Cade, Esq. (Spondon); J. Clarke, Esq. (Derby); A. Dolman, Esq. (Derby); S. W. Fearn, Esq. (Derby); J. T. Featherstone, Esq. (Butterley); W. H. Fletcher, Esq. (Ripley); G. Garnham, Esq. (Ripley); H. Goode, M.D. (Derby); C. Grant, Esq. (Heanor); C. Harwood, M.D. (Derby); A. Hamilton, Esq. (Derby); J. Heygate, M.D. (Derby); W. Hollis, Esq. (Alvaston); J. Jones, Esq. (Derby); M. T. Jones, Esq. (Shardlow); A. Major, M.D. (Derby); N. Mant, Esq. (Wirksworth); G. O. Liddell, Esq. (Alfreton); G. Spencer, Esq. (Alfreton); G. Taylor, Esq. (Derby); J. S. Turner, Esq. (Alfreton); W. Webb, M.D. (Wirksworth).

Some conversation took place respecting the uncertain operation of the Act, which had enabled offenders in several places to set the penal clauses at defiance; and attention was drawn to the case of a notorious local quack doctor, who assumes the functions of a general practitioner without qualification, but disclaims being on the *Register*; and the question arose, whether, by so doing, he did in reality evade the Act.

Dr. GOODE read to the meeting some of the rules of the London Association, and advocated the union of the members with that Association, as it seemed to him to be desirable that there should be but one such Association for the whole kingdom, to obtain the necessary unity of action. Since the General Council had declined to prosecute, it rests with medical men themselves to carry it out; and they must still continue that combination by which the Act had been originally obtained.

It was proposed by Mr. FEARN, and seconded by Mr. HAMILTON—

"That the Derbyshire Association amalgamate with, and form a part of, the London Association."

An amendment was proposed by Dr. WEBB, and seconded by Mr. GRANT—

"That the Association become 'affiliated' with the London Association, on the terms proposed in the rules of the latter."

After a discussion, the original proposition was withdrawn, and the amendment was adopted unanimously.

It was proposed by Dr. HEYGATE, seconded by Mr. FEARN, and carried—

"That the annual subscription be five shillings."

Dr. HEYGATE remarked, that he considered it ought to be understood that no prosecutions were contemplated against persons who were legally on the *Register*, on the ground of having only one qualification. The probable effect of the Act would be to produce greater uniformity hereafter; and, in the meantime, there was sufficient to engage the attention of the Association in persons beyond the pale, who were mere pretenders, without qualification.

The meeting concurred in these observations; and, after some formal votes of thanks, it separated.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SOCIETY. The following papers will be read on Monday, April 2nd:—Cholera at the Cape de Verdes. Cholera at Guildford in 1854: by H. S. Taylor, Esq. Cholera at Wick, Caithness, in 1859: by Dr. Littlejohn and Dr. Banks.

HEALTH OF LONDON—MARCH 24TH, 1860.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

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| | Births. | Deaths. |
| During week | { Boys.. 918 } 1845 .. 1611 | { Girls.. 927 } |
| Average of corresponding weeks 1849-58 | 1702 .. 1367 | |
| Among the causes of death were—bronchitis, 284; pneumonia, 147; phthisis, 167; small-pox, 35; scarlatina, 28; measles, 22; diphtheria, 12; hooping-cough, 62. The deaths from pulmonary diseases (exclusive of phthisis) were 485, being 187 above the corrected average. | | |
| Barometer: | | |
| Highest (Mon.) 30.012; lowest (Tu.) 29.295; mean 29.557. | | |
| Thermometer: | | |
| In sun—highest (Sun.) 97.0 degrees; lowest (Fri.) 61.3 degrees. | | |
| In shade—highest (Sun.) 55.0 degrees; lowest (Thur.) 32.2 degrees. | | |
| Mean—43.1 degrees; difference from mean of 43 yrs. +1.2 degree. | | |
| Range—during week, 22.8 degrees; mean daily, 14.3 degrees. | | |
| Mean humidity of air (saturation=100), 80. | | |
| Mean direction of wind, SW.—Rain in inches, 0.26. | | |

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