

## NEWS AND TOPICS OF THE DAY.

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**ROYAL MEDICAL BENEVOLENT COLLEGE.** Owing to the length of the forthcoming list of contributors, it will not be ready for publication before next week. A list of the lady governors, who presented purses of five guineas on the 25th ult., has, however, been printed, and a copy forwarded to those who are candidates for admission into the College.

**ROYAL MEDICAL BENEVOLENT COLLEGE.** We are requested to state that any lady who was induced from want of proper arrangement to withhold her contribution on the 25th inst., on forwarding it now to the treasurer will be entitled to the privileges of life governor.

**MEDICAL PRACTICE IN GLASGOW.** Dr. J. A. Easton, Surgeon to the Glasgow Police, has lectured, with great success, for the last fourteen years, in the "Andersonian University, Glasgow," on *Materia Medica*. He has lately been appointed to teach the same subject in the "University of Glasgow;" and it has been urged with violence and vituperation in two of the local newspapers, that after such promotion Professor Easton ought to vacate his police appointment. If the duties of police surgeon and of the *materia medica* class room were efficiently performed by Dr. Easton during the last fourteen years, why should he now renounce the former? Because, replies the *Glasgow Gazette* of July 7th, it is impossible for him "to be teaching the youth in the University while he is attending to black eyes and cases of sudden death in the police office." If black eyes and sudden deaths are sufficiently frequent in Glasgow to occupy the police surgeon's time wholly, and not allow him to have one hour *per diem* for a lecture during a few months in the year, we ask sympathisingly when is the poor man to be allowed to go home to take a little sleep or a little food?

**TESTIMONIAL TO THE REV. DAVID BELL, M.D.** The Rev. David Bell, M.D., the resident minister of the township of Bleasdale, Lancaster, (a member of the Association) having been invited, by previous arrangement, to meet his parishioners at the school room, on Monday 25th June, received at the hands of W. J. Garnett, Esq., of Bleasdale Tower, a very handsome present of silver plate, comprising teapot, coffee-pot, and cream jug, with suitable oak chest made to contain them, and in the inside of which was affixed to the lid a brass plate, with the following inscription engraven upon it. "Presented to the Rev. David Bell, M.D., by the inhabitants of the Township of Bleasdale and neighbourhood, for medical and other services kindly rendered during his residence amongst them. June 25, 1855." The meeting was addressed by W. J. Garnett, Esq., chairman; by Wm. Garnett, Esq., of Quernmore Park; and by the Rev. David Bell, M.D.; and separated under the impression of having only done proper justice and honour to their clergyman.

**POST-OFFICE BANDITTI.** Dr. John Barclay, our associate, writing from Smyrna to the *Times* says that, "what with real banditti here, and post-office banditti at home, our social position is at present somewhat disagreeable." This is the complaint: "During the whole month of April, our letters were put into the Constantinople bag, so they came to Smyrna, lay twelve hours within a few yards of our doors, then went on, and came back to us on the tenth day afterwards, making it a twenty days' post from England, in place of a ten days' one. Both official and private representations and complaints were made, enclosing covers as proofs, and we received most civil replies, expressing regret that, 'on the occasion referred to,' the letters had gone in the Constantinople bag, but that 'in future,' etc. In spite of this, I received, on June 23rd, from Constantinople, a letter posted in England on the 2nd of June, which had made this eccentric circuit. Again, on June 21st, no post-office letters came at all to any of us, the War Office bag and the newspapers coming all right. Again, on June 28th, we received the letters which should have come the previous week, that is, posted in England before the 11th. One of mine is stamped 'Leicester, June 4th;' another, 'Guildford, June 7th;' and nobody has received any letters of later date by the post-office bag, though we have the *Times* of June 18th, showing that the letter mail of that day is detained somewhere. Again, to show that the carelessness is not only in clerks at home, but clerks abroad; a lady yesterday, June 28th, received a letter from her husband, posted at Scutari on June 8th, which had gone the pleasant round to England, apparently; at any rate, it came in the bag by the Marseilles steamer."

**THE POST-OFFICE AND THE PRESS.** The new law is fulfilling our worst anticipations. The scheme is so complicated, that the public and the Post-office are bewildered. Papers are posted with no stamp visible, and the question then arises—Are they to be taxed as stamped newspapers with the stamp folded inwards, or as papers bearing no stamp at all? The papers must be opened to discover the fact. If the former be the case, a penny is to be charged; if the latter, the paper is liable to the ordinary postal charge in such circumstances, that is, to double the rate of book postage. Then, again, a newspaper, taken from the unstamped portion of the impression of a stamped newspaper, is posted for foreign or colonial countries, with a penny postage label attached, and it cannot be despatched because the sheet should be stamped also. In a variety of instances the plan is working vexatiously—is, in fact, a great nuisance; and Government, or we are much mistaken, will be driven to the adoption of some more uniform scheme, such as substituting a halfpenny postage stamp on all printed matter under a certain weight. To throw so burdensome an amount of newspaper examination and obliteration on poor postmasters, as is now done, is intolerable. (*Gateshead Observer.*)

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