

3. That a subscription of five shillings per quarter be paid by each medical officer.

4. That the thanks of this meeting be tendered to R. Griffin, Esq., of Weymouth, for his exertions in the cause of Poor-Law Medical Reform.

5. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mr. Griffin, and to the weekly medical journals.

MEETING OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF THE BELPER UNION.

A meeting of the medical officers of the Belper Union took place at the Red Lion, Belper, on Wednesday, March 26th: W. Cantrell, Esq., of Wirksworth, in the Chair. The following resolutions were carried unanimously:—

1. Proposed by R. R. Allen, Esq., of Belper, and seconded by E. Hoskins, Esq., of Duffield:—"That this meeting sees great necessity for an examination into, and an equalisation of, the salaries of Poor-Law Medical Officers; and recommends that the basis upon which to estimate the remuneration of the Poor-Law Surgeons of England and Wales, should be the extent, population, and the state of the poor's-rate in the districts. This meeting is decidedly of opinion that any additional emolument should be made by increase of salary, to the exclusion of all extra fees, except those for midwifery."

2. Proposed by J. Johnson, M.D., of Derby, and seconded by W. Webb, M.D., of Wirksworth:—"That the best thanks of this meeting be tendered to Mr. Griffin, for his zeal and attention in the cause of Poor-Law Medical Reform; and although this meeting cannot coincide with his views, it nevertheless directs, in the event of a public assembly being called by him, the British Medical Association, or the Poor-Law Convention, that a representative be sent from this union at the expense of the medical officers; and that Mr. Cantrell be requested to become such representative. This meeting cannot lose sight of the fact, that in the British Medical Association and Poor-Law Convention, there exists an amount of power and influence not elsewhere to be found; and which, if combined in aid of this cause, is sure to have its weight with the Legislature."

3. "That Dr. Webb be appointed Local Secretary, that he communicate these resolutions to the medical journals, and direct Mr. Griffin's attention to them."

(Signed) W. CANTRELL, *Chairman.*

WILLIAM WEBB, M.D., *Local Secretary.*

ROYAL MEDICAL BENEVOLENT COLLEGE. The fourth annual festival of this rising institution was celebrated on Wednesday evening, April 2nd, by a banquet at the Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor. The Lord Mayor was supported by the Treasurer, Mr. Propert, Mr. Alderman and Sheriff Kennedy, Dr. Locock, Dr. G. R. Rowe, Dr. Sutherland, Dr. Webster, Mr. Lloyd Davies, M.P., Sir C. Decimus Crosley (ex-Sheriff of London and Middlesex), Dr. Quain, Mr. Bottomley (of Croydon), and other gentlemen more or less distinguished members of the faculty. The aggregate amount of the subscriptions and proceeds of the Chapel Fund was £4,000. The school of the College (opened last October) contains 150 boys, of whom 125 are exhibitioners, paying a certain sum, and 25 foundation scholars, maintained entirely at the cost of the charity. The number of pensioners at present maintained in the College is 12, and 6 more are to be elected next month, besides 6 additional foundation scholars.

TRIAL OF W. PALMER. The trial of Palmer, according to the *Dublin Medical Press*, is not to come on till about the 1st of June. A very prevalent impression is also gaining ground, that no poison has been used by the prisoner. One case has been disposed of, as the grand jury have thrown out the bills.

PROFESSOR OWEN. It is said this eminent physiologist and natural historian is likely to be promoted to a government appointment in the natural history department of the British Museum.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

LETTERS and other COMMUNICATIONS for the JOURNAL should be directed to the private address of the Editor, 39, Curzon Street, May Fair.

To CONTRIBUTORS. The Editor would feel glad if Members of the Association and others, would cooperate with him in establishing as a rule, that in future no paper for publication shall exceed two pages of the Journal in length. If the writers of long communications knew as well as the Editor does, that lengthy papers always deter the reader from commencing them, this great evil would never arise. Brevity is the soul of medical writing—still more than of wit.

Members should remember that corrections for the current week's JOURNAL should not arrive later than Wednesday.

NOTICE REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The General Secretary of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association begs to call the attention of Members to the Laws regarding the payment of Subscriptions, which declare:—

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PHILIP H. WILLIAMS, General Secretary.

Worcester: 10th April, 1856.

Several communications are in type, but are prevented from appearing this week.

Dr. J. C. HALL. Your communication has been received; we shall avail ourselves of it.

POOR-LAW MEDICAL REFORM ASSOCIATION. Subscriptions continued from page 282 of last week's Journal. Richard Griffin, Esq., Weymouth, 11 1s.; John Armstrong, Esq., Manchester Union, 11 10s.; C. F. Collyns, Esq., Duiverton Union, 7s. 6d.; D. Dugdale, Esq., Burnley Union, 11s.; S. B. Bendall, Esq., Wootton-under-Edge, 5s.; Edwd. Webster, Esq., Oundle Union, 11s.; George Mousley, Esq., Atherstone Union, 10s.; Joseph Rogers, Esq., 5s.; Henry Bell, Esq., Cockermouth, 10s.

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