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HARVEIAN SOCIETY OF EDINBURGH: ANNUAL FESTIVAL. The seventy-fourth Anniversary of the Society was held in the Royal Hotel, Princes Street, on Saturday the 12th of April. It was numerously attended by all ranks of the profession in town, and by brethren from the country. Among the strangers present, were J. Dingwall Fordyce, Esq., advocate, Dr. Velten, from Aix-la-Chapelle, Dr. Campbell Stewart, of New York, and Dr. Wilkes, from London. Dr. James L. Bryden, the successful competitor for the prize awarded by the Society for the best essay *On the Production of Sugar in the Human Economy*, was also there, as the Society's guest. The President, Dr. Malcolm, delivered a very interesting address on the Early History of Midwifery in the Scottish Capital. Professor Simpson moved a vote of thanks to Dr. Malcolm for the admirable paper to which they had listened with such pleasure. The company then adjourned to the dining-hall, where an ample repast was spread: Dr. Malcolm acting as chairman, and Dr. Inglis as croupier. After the usual toasts, Professor Bennett proposed the health of Dr. Bryden, and alluded, in flattering terms, to the excellence of the essay which had obtained for him the honour of the Society's prize. Professor Simpson proposed 'the Visitors', a toast which was warmly responded to, and elicited interesting replies. The Bard of the Society, Dr. D. MacLagan, at the request of the President, then read and presented to Dr. Seller the diploma of *Doctor Hilaritatis*, which had been unanimously conferred upon him at last year's meeting. Dr. Seller replied in a Latin ode, in which the honour was acknowledged in flowing classical numbers. Various other toasts were proposed, including the 'University', the 'Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons', etc., etc., and the company broke up at a late hour, evidently well pleased with the pleasant intercourse they had enjoyed. The Society has this year received an accession of strength in the persons of Dr. Charles Wilson, Dr. Laycock, Mr. Lister, and Dr. Thomson of Dalkeith.—*Edinburgh Medical Journal*.

GROSVENOR PLACE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE. On Friday, May 2nd, the Annual Distribution of Prizes took place at the Grosvenor Place School of Anatomy. Dr. J. B. Daniell took the Chair on the occasion; as the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, after having been pleased to acquiesce in the wishes of the Committee, to preside at the distribution, was unavoidably prevented at the last moment. The report was then read by Dr. Lankester, in which he alluded to the great loss the School had sustained by the death of Mr. Pilcher, who, after occupying the Chair of Surgery for twelve years, had been cut off in the midst of his duties. Prizes and certificates of honour were then awarded to the students who had shewn themselves most proficient in the various classes. Dr. Lankester, in an able speech on behalf of the lecturers, presented Mr. Ernest A. Hart with a beautiful silver inkstand, in acknowledgment of the great services the School had derived from his exertions during the past session. Mr. Hart, in reply, acknowledged the pride and regard in which he should ever hold that mark of esteem the lecturers had been pleased to confer upon him; and said he was directed by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor to state his intention of presenting as a prize a Gold Medal to the student shewing himself most proficient in general subjects. A vote of thanks was proposed to the Chairman by Dr. Lankester, seconded by Mr. Bloxam; and the meeting separated.

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.

The report of the Annual Meeting of the Yorkshire Branch shall appear next week.

TO CORRESPONDENTS AND CONTRIBUTORS. Pressure of matter compels us to omit MR. AUGUSTIN PRICHARD's interesting Report of Cases of Tetanus; MR. HOLMES' paper on Aneurism treated by Compression; and several other valuable contributions, which we should otherwise have published this week.

Communications have been received from:—MR. T. HOLMES; MR. AUGUSTIN PRICHARD; MR. JOHN HATTON; MR. THOMAS BARKER; MR. W. MATTERSON; DR. S. W. J. MERRIMAN; DR. HANFIELD JONES; DR. JOHN COCKLE; MR. JOHN WINDSOR; DR. HONORIN; MR. EDWARD JACKSON (Sheffield); DR. WILLIAMS; DR. A. WHYTE BARCLAY; MR. J. K. SPENDER; SIR JOHN FORBES; MR. THOMAS NUNSELEY; MR. WILLIAM THOMAS; MR. JOHN BOWIE; DR. LANKESTER; MR. W. T. FERNIE; and DR. WILLIAM BUDD.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

[* An Asterisk is prefixed to the names of Members of the Association.]

1. Physicians and Physic. By * James Y. Simpson, M.D., F.R.S.E. pp. 133. Edinburgh: A. and C. Black.
2. The Obstetric Memoirs and Contributions of James Y. Simpson, M.D., F.R.S.E. Edited by W. O. Priestly, M.D., Edinburgh; and Horatio K. Storer, M.D., Boston, U.S. Vol. 2. Edinburgh: A. and C. Black.
3. On Calculous Disease and its Consequences: being the Croonian Lectures for the Year 1856. By G. Owen Rees, M.D., F.R.S. London: Longman, Brown, Green, and Longmans.
4. The Medical Remembrancer. A Book of Emergencies. By E. B. L. Shaw. Fourth Edition. Re-written and much enlarged, by Jonathan Hutchinson. London: John Churchill.
5. Clinical Researches on Disease in India. By Charles Morehead, M.D., Principal of Grant Medical College, &c. Two Volumes. London: Longmans. 1856.

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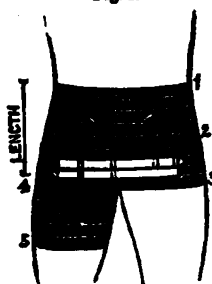


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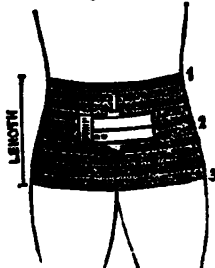


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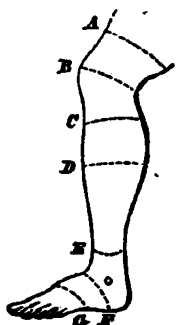
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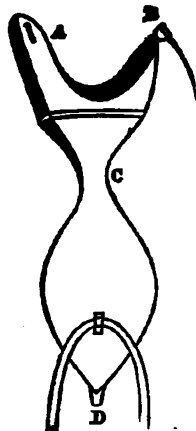
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