

PUBLIC MEETING OF DENTISTS. On Tuesday, Nov. 11th, a numerously attended meeting of the members of the dental profession was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee appointed at a preliminary meeting held on the 22nd of September last at the London Tavern. Mr. Robinson, of Gower Street, Bedford Square, was called to the chair. The Chairman explained that the object of the meeting was principally to form amongst the profession a Dental Institute. Mr. Rymer, the Secretary, read the Report, which stated, *inter alia*, that the Committee appointed at the previous meeting had done all they could to carry out the resolutions of the last meeting. The rules for the management of the institution were then read. Mr. Mackenzie, the Chairman of the Committee, said that the profession of a dentist carried no moral status with it; but, by carrying out the present institution, the surgeon-dentist would be placed on the same footing as the medical man or clergyman. He moved that the Committee's Report, as read, should pass. Mr. Thompson seconded the resolution. The different laws were again read *seriatim*. Mr. Gould objected to one of the rules, which gave admission to parties who would be of no use to the society, and whose names would obtain a status by belonging to the institute. The Chairman and Secretary explained that the rules as read were intended only to be those to be discussed by the persons who gave in their names as members, which would take place at a future meeting. The Committee's Report having been received and adopted, a vote of thanks was passed to the Committee for their past services; and they were appointed to remain in office until the society is duly organised. A resolution was passed, that the meeting should do all that was possible to carry out the object of the society; and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

THE GREAT ICHTHYOSAURUS AT WHITBY. On Friday the 7th inst., Mr. Charlesworth, Curator at the Yorkshire Philosophical Society's Museum, visited Whitby, and examined this interesting fossil remain. He pronounced it to be the largest known connected skeleton of the ichthyosaurus tribe which geological researches have yet brought to light in any part of the world. Unfortunately, the terminations of the tail and snout are wanting, the deficient portions probably reducing the length of the fossil by about three feet six inches. The bony sclerotic plates of the eyes are also wanting. These defects greatly diminish the value of the specimen, which nevertheless must be regarded as one of the most remarkable fossils ever brought to light in this country.—*Leeds Mercury*.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, BROMPTON. The medical practice of this hospital has been recognised by the Apothecaries' Company, the East India Company, the Army and Navy, etc., as a part of the curriculum of their students who may desire to attend it.

AMUSSAT'S OPERATION. The operation of Amussat on the descending colon was performed by Mr. Erichsen, at University College Hospital, on the 19th inst., before a very large assemblage of surgeons and pupils.

DR. ALISON. "It appears," according to the *Dublin Medical Press*, "that Lord Palmerston has granted a pension of £100 to this eminent physician, in addition to a present or gift of £250 from the Edinburgh corporation."

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON. The following paper will be read this evening by T. H. Wakley, Esq. "On the Treatment of Strictures of the Urethra by means of Urethral Guides and Tubes; with a Supplementary Notice of the Adaptation of similar Mechanism to the Treatment of Strictures of the Rectum and Oesophagus, and for the Dilatation of the Cervix Uteri."

EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS ON ANIMAL TEMPERATURE. M. Claude Bernard has just laid before the Academy of Sciences of Paris an account of a series of experiments on animals, to elucidate the questions connected with the production of heat. From these experiments the eminent physiologist considers that he is justified in drawing the following inferences:—1, That the circulation of the blood through the lungs lowers the temperature of the fluid. 2. The lungs can, therefore, not be regarded as a focus of animal heat. 3. The arterialisations of venous blood, in the living animal, is not connected with an increase, but, on the contrary, with a decrease of heat in the blood. M. Claude Bernard intends, in a second paper, to give the results of his experimental researches

as to the modifications of temperature which the blood undergoes while circulating in the urino-genital system.—*Lancet*, Nov. 15.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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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.

Communications have been received from:—MR. ALFRED CARPENTIER; MR. LANGSTON PARKER; MR. J. H. ROGERS; DR. KIDD; DR. LIONEL BEALE; MR. G. MITCHINSON; DR. C. W. BELL; MR. HUMPHREYS; DR. RICHARD PARRY JONES; SIR CHARLES HASTINGS; MR. GRIFFIN; MR. CROFT; MR. G. STILWELL; MR. BOULT; DR. BRINTON; MR. T. HOLMES; DR. EDWARD SMITH; MR. T. W. NUNN; and MR. EDWARD EVANS.

ERRATUM. At page 981 of last number, column 2, line 1, for "third" read "thud."

BOOKS RECEIVED.

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

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