

POOR-LAW MEDICAL REFORM.

THE medical officers of the Basford and Radford Unions passed the following resolutions at a meeting held at Nottingham, on January 29th.

1. That, whilst expressing its thanks to the President of the Poor-law Board for his fulfilment of a promise given to the Poor-law medical officers, by framing a scheme for their improved remuneration, it cannot but signify its unanimous disapproval of the scheme proposed.

2. That any law confirming the present mode of appointment and the permanency of such appointment, but increasing the amount of remuneration already received, with the addition of mileage in such cases as are beyond one mile from the medical officer's residence; and also a revision of the present scale of extra fees would be more acceptable, and more likely to meet the wants of the medical officers generally, inasmuch as it is the decided opinion of this meeting that the present scale of remuneration is wholly inadequate for the services rendered.

THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL, BIRMINGHAM. The principal of Queen's College, Sands Cox, Esq., F.R.S., has commenced the arduous task of collecting a million of postage stamps on behalf of the Queen's Hospital, equivalent to £1166:13:4, which sum would cover the present liabilities of the charity, afford additional accommodation to the out patients, who are now crowded into two small waiting-rooms, open a ward for the diseases of the eye, a ward for burns and cases of a similar character, and erect a small chapel, for which an endowment of £40 per annum has been provided by the late Dr. Warneford. The following gracious communication has been received from Her Majesty the Queen:—"Sir Charles Phipps has received the commands of Her Majesty the Queen to forward to Mr. William Sands Cox the enclosed cheque for £100, as a donation from Her Majesty to the funds of the Queen's Hospital.—Buckingham Palace, Feb. 15th."

THE JARDIN DES PLANTES. The collection of animals at the Jardin des Plantes has recently suffered several losses. Two cat-faced monkeys, from New Granada, have died within a few days of each other; the female from inflammation of the lungs, and the male apparently from grief, as after the death of its companion it refused all food. These models of conjugal tenderness were at the Jardin des Plantes for seven years. They have been replaced in their cage by two brown coatias from Surinam. They are nocturnal ramblers, and are fond of rats, birds, and insects. As they now usually feed on carrots, it is thought not improbable they may not long survive. One of these animals was long kept on board the Uranie frigate. It was very tame and caressing; it uttered a shrill cry on seeing those who showed it kindness; and at night it took up its quarters in any empty hammock. When the owner of it returned, he had always some difficulty in getting possession of his quarters. The poor elephant Roger is evidently wasting away, and, it is feared, dying. It is really piteous to see the gigantic animal with scarcely strength enough to support itself. The interesting position of the female hippopotamus is becoming more and more apparent. It is to be hoped that measures will be taken to prevent the newly-born offspring from injury, the last, it may be remembered, having killed itself by coming with force against the sharp edge of the basin. The accouchement is expected in the course of next month.

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