

Diseases' Prevention Acts, deserved the highest praise, as well as those of Drs. Southwood Smith and Arnott, who were the pioneers of preventive medicine. Honour had also been conferred upon the college by Dr. Robert Lee's discoveries of certain cardiac nerves. A well merited and feeling eulogium was then passed upon the late Drs. Bright, Hughes, and John Scott, with a notice of their lives and writings. Reference was made to the attention bestowed by the fellows on the formation of a new charter, by which it was intended to embrace within the college those physicians who had been too long dispersed and disunited. The college was now to be congratulated upon its increasing numbers and extending usefulness.

A statue had been erected to the honour of Jenner under the auspices of the Prince Consort; and if he deserved this tribute, surely Harvey, the fountain and origin of modern medical science, merited similar reverence. The remains of Harvey are now lying in a neglected state; but an inquiry had been commenced by the College with the view of removing such a scandal. The statue formerly placed by the Fellows of the College had unhappily perished by fire and had never been replaced. The orator concluded by expressing a strong wish that a grateful country would either erect another statue, or at least found a scholarship, in honour of the learning and genius of Harvey.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS. Messrs. John Hilton, New Broad Street, City; James Luke, of Broad Street Buildings, City; and Frederick Carpenter Skey, Grosvenor Street, who are the three Fellows of the College, Members of the Council, going out of office by rotation, in accordance with the terms of the charter, have given notice to the secretary that they are candidates for re-election, as Members of the Council, at the annual election, which has been fixed for July 7th.

PRISON DISCIPLINE IN AMERICA. An ancient mode of punishment for the refractory has been revived at the Sing Sing Prison, consisting of a box about three feet square, and as high as the tallest man. The convict enters by a door and puts his head through a hole in the top, after which a sliding collar of wood is fastened around his neck and keeps him in his place. A false bottom in the box is raised or lowered, by means of a pulley, so that it may be adapted to the height of the man to be punished. This bottom is raised so that the convict's legs are bent as if about the knees. He cannot straighten up, nor can he kneel down without suspending himself by the neck,—he must bear his weight by his muscles alone, for his knees can touch nothing to sustain them in position. It is impossible to believe that anybody could endure this torture for more than a few minutes without great risk of life. Last week a tall stalwart negro was taken out of it, with animation so far suspended that resuscitation was for a long time doubtful. (*New York Police Gazette.*)

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