

among the poor. From the day the notion of establishing the hospital was first broached, he received innumerable letters from all parts of the country, and from all ranks in society, approving of the design, promising subscriptions, and giving support. His Worship then announced a list of promised contributions, among which were donations from Miss Burdett Coutts, and Lord Ward, of £100 each. Viscount RAYNHAM moved the following resolution: "That this meeting, having had its attention directed to the fact, that among the many noble London charities no special aid is accorded to paralysed and epileptic patients, considers the proposed hospital for the relief of the paralysed and epileptic pre-eminently deserving of the support of the public at large, and pledges itself to use every endeavour to promote its success." Sir C. ALDIS briefly seconded the resolution, which was adopted. On the motion of Alderman HALE, seconded by Mr. A. CLARK, a committee was appointed for carrying out the objects of the institution. The Lord Mayor announced that, according to a rough calculation, the sum subscribed in the room, and promised, was upwards of £800. A vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor having been passed, the meeting separated.

**SOCIETY FOR RELIEF OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF MEDICAL MEN IN LONDON AND ITS VICINITY.** The half-yearly general meeting of the members of this Society was held on October 26th, to acquaint the members with the affairs of the Society during the preceding six months. From the last half-year's balance-sheet, it appeared that thirty-eight widows had received £717:10, half-yearly relief; and twenty-three children, £164; with £25 as a grant towards self-maintenance; that £139:9:3 had been spent in necessary expenses; and that there are three hundred and ninety members on the list. A new law was carried, authorising a grant, in certain special cases, to the widows or children of such gentlemen as had, after two years subscription, ceased to be members of the Society from non-payment of subscription during fifteen months, provided the non-payment had arisen from occasions over which the members had no control. The following members were elected officers and directors for the ensuing twelve months:—*President*: Thomas Arthur Stone, Esq. *Vice-Presidents*: Martin Ware, Esq.; Everard A. Brande, Esq.; John Nussey, Esq.; Sir B. C. Brodie, Bart., F.R.S.; Peter M. Latham, M.D.; John Bacot, Esq.; Thomas Turner, M.D.; D. Henry Walne, Esq.; A. J. Sutherland, M.D., F.R.S.; Edward Tegart, Esq.; Edward Stanley, Esq., F.R.S.; George Burrows, M.D., F.R.S. *Treasurers*: John Miles, Esq.; John Clarke, M.D. (Acting); James T. Ware, Esq. *Directors*: B. G. Babington, M.D., F.R.S.; John Weatherfield, Esq.; John J. Sawyer, Esq.; Thomas Brown, Esq.; C. J. B. Aldis, M.D.; William Dickinson, Esq.; Richard S. Eyles, Esq.; Henry Sterry, Esq.; G. Hamilton Roe, M.D.; Harvey K. Owen, Esq.; Henry Lee, Esq.; Robert B. Todd, M.D., F.R.S.; Robert Nairne, M.D.; William Cathrow, Esq.; Edgar Barker, Esq.; James Paget, Esq., F.R.S.; John Adams, Esq.; Frederick J. Farre, M.D.; A. B. Barnes, Esq.; Edward Dew, Esq.; John Love, Esq.; H. A. Pitman, M.D.; Charles Collambell, Esq.; Benjamin Travers, Esq.

**THE CHANCELLORSHIP OF THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.** The General Council of the University of Edinburgh met on October 28th, in the Music Hall, at 12 o'clock. Sir David Brewster, Principal, presided. Professor Christison nominated, and Sir George Clerk seconded, the Duke of Buccleuch, as Chancellor of the University. The Solicitor-General, seconded by Dr. Alexander Wood, proposed Lord Brougham. The speaking lasted till two o'clock, and the roll of 1,393 members was then called over, which occupied the meeting till nearly five o'clock, the doors of the hall being meanwhile strictly closed. The numbers as intimated, were:—Lord Brougham, 654; the Duke of Buccleuch, 419; majority for Lord Brougham, 235. The result was received with loud cheers by Lord Brougham's supporters, and a large crowd waited the result outside. In the evening, Lord Brougham's election was celebrated by the ringing of the bells of the city churches.—At 7, the Council again met to elect an assessor to the University Court. Lord Neaves, seconded by Professor Syme, proposed Sir John McNeill; Dr. Douglas MacLagan, seconded by Mr. Morton, proposed Solicitor-General Maitland. The numbers were:—For the Solicitor-General, 272; Sir John McNeill, 184: majority, 88.

**YORK MEDICAL SCHOOL.** This institution has been closed: the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons having refused to recognise the York County Hospital as qualifying students by attendance on its practice.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

**UNREGISTERED POOR-LAW OFFICERS.** Mr. Griffin has requested us to insert that Mr. Shirley, whose name appears in his list to the Poor-Law Board as not registered, is a registered medical officer; and that the error has arisen in consequence of his change of residence after registration. On the election of this gentleman by the Guildford Board of Guardians, another candidate's testimonials were set aside because he was not registered; an example worthy of imitation by all other boards.

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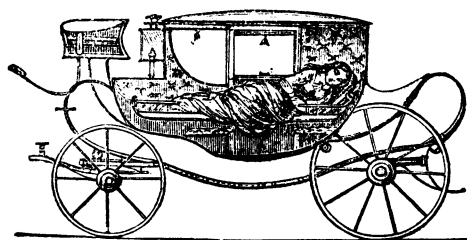
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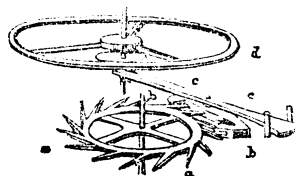
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