

to the supply of your returns and reports. Under these circumstances we have thought it proper to memorialise the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's treasury on the subject in question, and to lay respectfully before their lordships, as we have had the honour to lay before yourself, the reasons which lead us to think that we are, as heretofore, deserving of the published papers of your office.

We cannot for one moment conceive that the supply of your reports to those who have been at so much labour and expense to contribute to them, can correctly be classed under the lavish distribution referred to in your letter. It is true that fourpence per quarter is but a small outlay for your quarterly returns, but we feel assured that, after the time and expense which we have gratuitously sacrificed towards the completion of those reports, we ought not to be called upon to purchase them at any price, however small. At the same time it is equally true that the outlay by government of fourpence per quarter upon each contributor, would be anything but a lavish expenditure of public money.

Our labours as meteorologists have been supplied to you ungrudgingly. We have endeavoured to contribute them for the purpose of supplying a scientific want; we cannot but humbly believe that labours so accumulative and coincident must be of ultimate value to science, and it would be painful to us all to suspend our exertions. Should, however, our appeal to the Lord Commissioners be refused, we feel that we cannot, in justice to ourselves, make laborious and expensive contributions to any state paper which is afterwards withheld from us—unless subscribed for.

We have the honour to be, Sir, your faithful servants, etc.

IV. Memorial to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

We, the undersigned, respectfully approach your lordships on the subject of the withdrawal of the Reports of the Registrar-General of Births and Deaths, hitherto supplied to us and others gratuitously for scientific and useful purposes. The registrar-general has intimated to us that by a treasury minute of 31st May last, he is prevented from sending us the reports any longer. We memorialise your lordships for a continuance of the privilege heretofore conceded, on the following grounds:

1. We have all us, for many years past, been gratuitous contributors to the registrar-general, by sending him the facts out of which his meteorological returns have been regularly drawn up under the able superintendence of Mr. Glaisher.

2. Our observations thus contributed have been taken by means of expensive instruments, and the value and correctness of the observations have been enhanced by the fact that our instruments have been compared with standard instruments, and our observations constructed on one uniform system, under the direction of Mr. Glaisher.

3. Our observations have been taken at arranged times daily, and by a common system, so as to ensure uniformity of results.

4. The labour of taking and recording these observations have necessitated, in many cases, an expenditure varying from £10 to £20 annually for procuring qualified assistants; while the cost to each of us, of time and attention, has been very considerable.

Under these circumstances we feel strongly that we are at least deserving of copies of papers to which we have ourselves contributed so willingly; and the more so, because the papers in question are not only interesting to us but useful, as enabling us to carry out scientific studies and observations, the sole object of which is for the good of the community.

We therefore pray your lordships earnestly that at least an exception may be made in our favour, in regard to the distribution of the registrar-general's papers; and would further humbly pray that your lordships should reconsider the question of the propriety of withdrawing documents so eminently useful from men of science generally, who require them for the advancement of sanitary and social science.

And your memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signed.)

[The latter two documents are being circulated among the observers for their approval of signatures.]

THE NEW MEDICAL ACT. We learn that arrangements are in progress for the purpose of forming an association to consider the various clauses of the new Medical Act, and to take such steps as may be considered necessary to protect the interests of the profession. We trust that the proceedings of the association will be conducted with judgment, and that its labours will be attended with benefit.

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