

that dentists should be appointed, as medical men were appointed, in the army and navy, and by school boards and other public institutions.

Dr. DUDLEY BUXTON gave a technical address on "Anæsthesia," and Mr. BLANDY (Nottingham) read a paper on "Advertising."

The proceedings also included one or two excursions and a banquet, at which Mr. J. T. Agg-Gardner, M.P., the Hon. B. Bathurst, Colonel Chester-Master, Alderman E. Wethered, F.G.S. (Deputy-Mayor), the Rev. W. Bazley, the Rev. Dr. Flecker, and others were present.

DENHOLM TESTIMONIAL FUND.

THE Honorary Secretaries of this fund write to us: The following additional subscriptions have been received in favour of the above fund. The object of the fund is to present Dr. Denholm with a tangible expression of the sympathy of his professional brethren with his conduct in the matter of the action *Denholm v. Tait*. Dr. Denholm's costs in the action, which terminated by mutual consent in the withdrawal of a juror, amounted to over £300. As it is intended to close the fund shortly, the Honorary Secretaries, Mr. Fegen, M.R.C.S., 2, Mornington Road, Bow, and Mr. A. G. R. Foulerton, M.R.C.S., 122, Brompton Road, S.W., will be glad if those who propose to subscribe will send in their names as soon as possible. Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to the "Denholm Testimonial Fund," and crossed "Messrs. Gurney and Co." Subscriptions will be received by either of the Honorary Secretaries, or may be paid in direct to the Denholm Testimonial Fund at Messrs. Gurney and Co., Thetford, Norfolk, or at any other branch of the same bank.

Amount already ledged ...	acknow-	£ s. d.	Dr. David Little ...	£ s. d.
Mr. Henry Bank	45 9 0	Mr. T. B. O'Connor ...	1 1 0
Mr. Bruce Clarke	0 5 0	Dr. Armand Routh ...	1 1 0
Dr. George Hevon	0 10 0	Dr. Hinsley Walker ...	0 10 6
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ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS.

A SPECIAL Comitia of the Fellows was held on Friday, July 14th; Sir ANDREW CLARK, Bart., President, in the chair.

After the business for which the College was specially summoned had been concluded, a communication was received from the Medical Board of Trinidad. This was an application for the issue of sealed papers for the examination in that Colony of a graduate of Paris as a candidate for admission to the Board. It appeared that in 1873 the College had agreed to examine by sealed papers medical gentlemen not holding a British qualification who were desirous of practising in Trinidad, such gentlemen, in the event of a favourable report from the examiners, being eligible for the Medical Board of Trinidad, and, if elected, becoming thereby legally qualified to practise in the island. It was decided to issue, for this occasion, the sealed papers as requested, but to refer the whole question to the Council for reconsideration and report.

Alterations in two of the by-laws relating to the Membership were approved for the first time.

Communications were received from the Royal Society, thanking the College for having drawn its attention to the advertisement of a laudatory testimonial given by a Fellow of that Society, and stating the steps which had been taken to abate the evil; and from the Foreign Office, inquiring as to the facilities afforded in London for medical study by American medical practitioners.

GUY'S HOSPITAL.

Opening of New Laboratories and Dental School: Distribution of Prizes.

THE new laboratories and dental school buildings, of which a description was published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of October 8th, 1892, p. 800, were opened by Sir John Lubbock, Bart., M.P., F.R.S., on July 17th.

The Governors and members of the staff and principal guests were entertained at luncheon in the Governor's Court Room, under the chairmanship of Mr. H. Hucks Gibbs, the President of the Hospital. Two toasts only were proposed, that of "Sir John Lubbock" and "The Visitors."

Sir JOHN LUBBOCK, in reply, said he had probably been

invited to open the new laboratories owing to the fact that he represented the University of London in Parliament. He felt a special interest in the dental school, having had the honour of carrying the Dental Bill through the House of Commons. The new laboratories are not only fitted up with all modern requirements, but will afford the necessary space for some years to come.

The CHAIRMAN next proposed "The Visitors."

Professor ODLING, in reply, observed that practical chemistry was not included in the subjects that comprised the medical student's curriculum until 1851. He was the first appointed to teach it at Guy's Hospital, but the laboratories in which it was taught were roughly furnished; and, looking at the well-equipped laboratory in which Guy's now rejoiced, he could not forbear the thought that the present position of practical chemistry contrasted with its position in 1851, was comparable to the superiority of the laboratory of to-day when contrasted with the laboratory of forty years ago.

Sir EDWIN SAUNDERS said that what they had seen to-day marked a new department and departure in the management of the large hospitals, and might well form a subject of sincere congratulations to Guy's Hospital men.

Sir JOHN LUBBOCK subsequently distributed the prizes to the successful students of the Medical and Dental Schools of Guy's Hospital. In addressing the students he said that every man must expect to have doubts and difficulties, but intellectual life lifts man to regions of thought above all mere personal anxieties, and study was so entrancing that, to many men, and especially to the highest natures, exercise becomes a difficult duty. But yet the temptation to neglect exercise was one which must be resisted. If they wished to be well they must, according to Abernethy, live on 6d. a day and earn it. There was a well-known proverb that there is nothing so good for the inside of a man as the outside of a horse. In the noble profession which they were entering it would be their privilege to soften suffering, to relieve pain, to restore health, and, when that was impossible, to soften the hand of death. The medical profession was a learned profession, but it was more than that. Medical men had always stood high, not merely in knowledge, but in character, and never more so than at the present time.

SMALL-POX AND VACCINATION IN 1892-93

[SPECIAL REPORTS OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL.]

VIII.—MONTROSE.

THE report of the Medical Officer for Montrose tells the usual story of protection by vaccination and revaccination, and of attack and death through omission of the prophylaxis. Eighteen cases occurred, mostly mild, but with one death in a woman aged 39, who had never been vaccinated. Many in the town were revaccinated, and none of these were infected by the disease. All the cases were among flax-workers or their relatives and neighbours, and as the flax comes from Russia the inference is that it has been the vehicle of infection, especially as this is not the first outbreak traceable to the same source. It is to be hoped that the owners of the flax mills will in future take the advice of the medical officer of health, and "render it imperative on all applicants, old and young, for admission into their service that they should produce certificates from duly-qualified medical practitioners of having undergone efficient revaccination." It seems that the medical officer acted also as physician to the temporary small-pox hospital. He is, of course, entitled to payment for this work in addition to his ordinary official salary, which, if we mistake not, is inadequate even for routine work.

THE cases of small-pox under treatment in London at the close of last week were the smallest in number for many weeks past, being some 370, against 410, 397, and 381 on the preceding three Saturdays. The admissions last week were about 60, whilst the registered deaths were 4 in number. In the West Ham union 5 deaths took place, and nearly a score of cases were recorded. In the provinces we learn of multiple attacks at Walsall, Birmingham, Leicester, Hull, Bradford, and Oldham; whilst many other towns had single occurrences. An alarming outbreak of small-pox has taken place in the district of Cuckney, and much concern is felt by the residents, as there is no hospital accommodation available. Tents are to be used, and the Workshop board of guardians have been considering other measures of prevention.