unfairly, in the opinion of your petitioners, certain powers conferred upon it by a charter granted to the college by her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, in the year of our Lord 1843.

That your Petitioners have thereby been deprived of the high professional position, to obtain which constituted one of their main objects in pursuing the prescribed course of study, submitting themselves to the surgical examination, and purchasing the diploma of the college.

That your Petitioners observe, with unfeigned alarm, that the "Bill for regulating the profession of Physic and Surgery," recently introduced into your Honourable House by the Right Honourable Sir James Graham, is framed so as to sanction and confirm the unjustifiable course which the Council of the College of Surgeons has pursued towards the members of the college.

That your Petitioners had fully expected, after the great dissatisfaction and indignation expressed by an overwhelming majority of those who constitute the college, at the manner in which the council had exercised its powers, that the Right Honourable Sir James Graham, who has lately introduced into your Honourable House the "Bill for regulating the profession of Physic and Surgery," would have preceded such bill by advising her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen to grant a supplementary or amended charter to the college, with the view of restoring to the members the surgical honours and privileges of which they have been injuriously deprived.

That your petitioners, being disappointed in this reasonable expectation, have made a statement of their grievances to the Right Honourable Sir James Graham, Secretary of State for the Home Department, and memorialized him to comply with their earnest wishes in this matter, before pressing his "Bill for regulating the profession of Physic and Surgery" upon your Honourable House for adoption; and your petitioners, therefore, humbly entreat your Honourable House not to permit the said Bill to be read a second time, until restitution has been made to your petitioners of their Collegiate rank and privileges.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS. PROTEST OF THE PRACTITIONERS OF WEST SOMERSET.

To the President and Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

We, the undersigned, being Fellows and Members of the Royal College of Surgeons, residing in the western division of the county of Somerset, although averse to taking any steps that might prejudice the interests of that body, particularly at the present crisis, yet feel it due to ourselves, as individuals, to record our earnest and indignant protest against the recent proceedings of the Council in the matter of the Fellowship.

We protest against this as a departure from rules of the College, intended for the protection of its members, inasmuch as the arbitrary elevation of a few to the distinction of a Fellowship, having no particular claim either on the ground of seniority or merit, cannot

but be regarded as a virtual degradation of the many who have received no such distinction.

We consider the invitation to the mass of the profession to undergo examination, and to pay fees, in order to obtain the rank which has thus been conceded to a select few without either, to be an affront to all those members of the College.

Henry Alford, F.R.C.S., Francis Welch, F.R.C.S., Charles Hayes Higgins, F.R.C.S., Charles Henry Cornish, F.R.C.S., Gustavus Gidley, Daniel Pargitter, John Liddon, Charles Hugo, William Marwood Kelly, M.D., George Cordwent, Henry Gully Foy, James Wood J. R. Mosse, Robert Dinham, William Beadon, Francis Henry Woodforde, M.D., Henry Liddon, Francis Foster Taunton; George Kidgell, William Collard Pyne, Wm. Collard Pyne, Jun., S. F. Bridge, Albert Langley, Alexander Edward Webber, Wellington; H. W. Randolph, J. K. Parkinson, Milverton; William Trevor, Dulverton; A. F. Edwards, J. N. Norman, Henry Cotes, Henry L. Nazer, P. L. Hill, Wiveliscombe; Robert Smith, Bishop's Lydeard; Abraham King, Richard Axford, James Haviland, Bridgewater; J. Jolliffe, Chard; G. Richard Bart, Ilminster.

HEREFORDSHIRE MEMORIAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND
SURGICAL JOURNAL.

SIR,

In accordance with a resolution, carried at a meeting of the Herefordshire Medical Association, I have the honour to request that you will insert in the columns of your able periodical, the accompanying memorial, with its signatures, and the protest, at your earliest convenience.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

HENRY GRAVES BULL.

Honorary Secretary

To the Herefordshire Medical Association.

Hereford, April 5, 1845.

To the Right Honourable Sir James Graham, Baronet, her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The memorial of the Surgeons of the city and county of Hereford,

Sheweth,—

That your Memorialists, members of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, resident in the city and county of Hereford, in compliance with the oath they have taken, on being admitted members of the College, to maintain its dignity and welfare to the utmost of their power, feel it to be an imperative duty respectfully to call your attention to the injustice displayed in the mode of carrying out the charter recently granted to the royal college.

Your Memorialists cannot but feel that the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England has broken faith with the general body of the members, by the principle of election to the newly created grade of the fellowship, which it has seen fit to pursue. Full power was given to the council by the new charter, to carry out this principle in a way, which would not have interfered with existing rights and privileges; but

it has not done so. And further, your Memorialists consider the course it has adopted, is most injurious and degrading to the overwhelming majority of its members, and utterly at variance with those principles of honour and justice, which should ever distinguish a royal college.

Your Memorialists fully recognise the right of merit to the distinction of the Fellowship, but this principle of election can only be justly carried out to a very limited extent, and when it is thought necessary to go beyond this, they are of opinion, that the only just mode is then to make, "length of standing in the Profession," the means of admission for all present members to the fellowship, (at once, if they have attained the requisite period, or as they respectively do so,) since it is the only plan which, from its not being retrospective, would prove satisfactory to the members in general, and regain for the Council that perfect confidence, which has been so much shaken by a departure from it in the late proceedings.

For these reasons your Memorialists would humbly, but earnestly, suggest for your consideration, the propriety of advising her Majesty to grant a new charter to the Royal College of Surgeons of England, or to sanction such a modification of the present charter, as will effectually remove the injustice, which has been thus cast upon the majority of the members of the college; or, in the event of neither of these plans being deemed admissible, your Memorialists would also respectfully suggest for your consideration the propriety of advising her Majesty to grant a separate Charter of Incorporation for the General Practitioners, as a measure then essentially necessary, in their opinion, for the maintenance of the welfare and prosperity of this most important class of the profession.

Edward Walker, Kington	1796
James Price, Hereford	1806
J. W. P. Lyde, Hay	1807
George Rootes, Ross	1812
Philip James, Hereford	1813
Henry Rudge, Leominster	1813
Thomas F. Watling, Leominster	1813
James Lane, Grosmont	1813
John Mills Probyn, Kington	1815
John Brown Shelton, Bromyard	1824
Samuel Millard, Whitchurch	1826
Charles E. Thomson, Ross	1828
Robert P. Marris, Kingsland	1829
William Hempson Denham, Pyon	1829
Henry J. Jenkins, Madley	1829
George Roberts Terry, Hereford	1830
Charles Cook, Ledbury	1830
William Thompson, Kington	1830
John Shirley Palmer, Weobly	1830
Miles A. Wood, Ledbury	1830
Thomas Pritchard, Hereford	1830
Edward James, Kington	1830
Joseph Thomas, Hay	1831
E. W. Howey, Bromyard	1831
John Tanner, Ledbury	1832
Henry C. Barnard, Hereford	1834
Robert Archibald, Hereford	1834
Thomas Burlton, Leominster	1834
Edmund Jones, Ross	1835
George Henry Marshall, Kington	1836
John Morris, Hereford	1837

William Blakely, Kington	1838
T. Tucker Price, Hereford	1838
George Woodcock, Eardisley	1839
Peter B. Giles, Byford	1840
Henry Graves Bull, Hereford	1841
John Marshall, Leominster	1841
Joseph Gillman Barrett, Ross	1841
Francis Robert Trumper, Hereford	1842
Samuel Wandby, Hereford	1842
Thomas Bishop, Hereford	1842
George Gwillim, Ledbury	1843
Henry Wyatt Watling, Leominster	1843

[The protest addressed to the Council of the College expressed the same sentiments, and was signed by the same gentlemen.]

MEDICAL INTELLIGENCE.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

Professor Brande has been appointed examiner on Chemistry, in relation to Medicine; and Professor Graham, of University College, on Chemistry in Arts, in the room of the late J. F. Daniell, Esq.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted Licentiates, April 3, 1845:—W. D. Wathen, St. David's; F. Fitch, Sudbury; R. P. Cobbold, Saxmundham; T. H. Watt, Deal; W. Westall; C. G. Mott, Derby; J. Bromfield, Whitchurch; E. Noyce, London.

OBITUARY.

March 30th, at Brighton, Dr. Theodore Gordon, Deputy-Inspector-General of Hospitals, in the 59th year of his age.

March 31st, at Dublin, Thomas H. Orpen, M.D., aged 69.

Lately, at Bristol, W. Vassal, M.D.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

Guy's Hospital Reports. Second Series, No. V. April, 1845. London: Highley. 8vo., pp. 170. Col. plates.

Observations on the Education and Examinations for Degrees in Medicine, as affected by the New Medical Bill; with Remarks on the Proposed Licensing Boards; the Society of Apothecaries; the Registration of Medical Practitioners; and the Constitution of the "Council of Health." In a Letter to the Right Hon. Sir James Graham, Bart. By Richard Quain, F.R.S., Professor of Anatomy in University College, London; and Surgeon to University College Hospital. London: Murray. 1845. 8vo., pp. 60.

Prize Clinical Reports of Surgical Cases, treated at the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, in the practice of W. Sands Cox, F.R.S., Senior Surgeon. By John Moore, Student of Queen's College, and Resident Medical Officer of the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham. London: Churchill. 1845. 8vo., pp. 65.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Dr. Storer and Dr. Owens; Mr. Druitt; Mr. H. Sharp; The Sheffield Medical Society; Dr. H. Johnson; Mr. G. M. Davis; Mr. Newnham; and Mr. T. Tomkin.