

year (which have been eminently successful and the benefits to be derived from a continuance of its active co-operation) the ballot was taken for the appointment of officers for the ensuing year when the following gentlemen were unanimously elected :—

*Patron*—V. Wright, Esq. M.D. L.R.C.S.E.

*President*—Thurlow Cunynghame.

*Vice President*—W. Harkin.

*Secretary*—W. H. Taylor.

*Assistant Secretary*—James Duncan.

*Treasurer*—Edward R. Smith.

*Scrutineers*—Messrs. G. S. Fraser and J. W. Pickup.

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### MEDICAL NEWS.

Dr. Alexander B. Mott, of New York, while returning at 12 o'clock from a professional visit, was assaulted by two ruffians, who attempted to take his life. One of them struck him on the head with an iron bar—"jimny," but the Doctor drawing a revolver fired at the two, as they stood close to each other, wounding one of the rascals. A return shot was fired, the ball passing through the doctor's hat, quite close to his head. They made their escape, and have not as yet been secured.—Mr. Wm. Adams has been elected surgeon to the Orthopædic Hospital, London, by a majority of 100 votes.—The chair of Clinical Medicine at Oxford has been filled by the appointment of Dr. Ackland.—The death of Mr. Keate left vacant the office of Serjeant-Surgeon to the Queen, with a salary of £280 per annum; the appointment has since been conferred on Mr. Travers. The office of Surgeon Extraordinary has devolved on Mr. Caesar Hawkins, *vice* Travers.—It appears from the statistics published by the Common Council Bureau of Vienna that the number of illegitimate births has almost equalled the number of legitimate births during the four years from 1853 to 1856. The following are the figures on the subject: 1853, legitimate births, 11,264; illegitimate births, 19,686. 1854, legitimate births, 11,252; illegitimate births, 10,801. 1855, legitimate births, 10,650; illegitimate births, 9,522. 1856, legitimate, 10,870; illegitimate, 10,311.—A statue of Bichat has recently been erected at Paris. It is in bronze and the work of the celebrated sculptor David. Bichat is represented, in the costume of the time of the consulate, standing in an attitude of meditation. His arms are folded across his chest. The right hand holds a pen; from the left falls a roll, on which are written the names of his great works—*De la vie et de la mort*, and *Anatomie Generale*. At his feet, and behind, lies, half covered, a subject prepared for dissection.—A German doctor, of Urbana, Ill., the manufacturer of snake-bite medicine, caught a rattlesnake on the prairie and took it home, and offered to let the snake bite him every time any person bought a box of his medicine for one dollar. On Sunday of last week, while fooling with his pet, it bit him on the hand. He applied his medicine without effect. On Monday he sent for a doctor, but too late; he died the same day.—A lady in Stamford, Conn., had been applying to her hair a mixture of castor oil and alcohol, and approaching a lighted lamp her head became enveloped in a blaze, and the flame was not extinguished until she was so severely burned that her life was despaired of.—Shields, doctor, looking learned and speaking slow: "Well, mariner, what tooth do you want extracted? Is it a molar or an incisor?" Jack, short and sharp: "It is in the upper tier, on the larboard side. Bear a hand, you swab, for it is nipping my jaw like a lobster."—No fewer than 5000 cases of cataract have been treated at the Moorfields Ophthalmic Hospital during the past sixteen years.—In all the tobacco shops in the chief streets in London, very large clay pipes, treble the usual size, are now exhibited in the shop windows, and labelled the "Controversy Pipes," dedicated to Dr. Solly since the controversy!