

of London, Ballingall and Simpson, of Edinburgh, Sir Phillip Crampton, of Dublin, and Mott, of New York. *

A Society under the name *Société de Médecine pratique*, under the presidency of Paul Dubois, holds its monthly sittings for the purpose of directing special attention to Therapeutics. Another bearing the title *Société Médico-pratique* discusses at its fortnightly meetings, questions relating to practical medicine and surgery. The *Société Médicale d'Émulation* hold its sittings once a month. The above three give prizes annually, on the best essays presented to them during the year.

SOCIÉTÉ MÉDICALE DES HÔPITAUX.—Composed entirely of the physicians to the Civil Hospitals in Paris, this society, which publishes the business of its fortnightly meetings in the form of *Actes de la Société Médicale des Hôpitaux*, may be regarded as the exponent of French doctrine and French practice. It apparently possesses more vitality than the others I have mentioned, and occasional *Assaut d'Armes*, add to their discussions an enlivening character.

SOCIÉTÉ MÉDICALE D'OBSERVATION.—Of which M. Louis is the permanent President--perpendendæ et numerandæ observationes--meets every Friday evening, at the Hotel-Dieu. The proceedings of the *Société Médico-Chirurgicale* may be gleaned from the *Gazette des Hôpitaux*. The *Société Anatomique* was reorganized in 1826 around a nucleus composed of Cruveilhier and a few students; Cruveilhier has since continued president. The *Société de Pharmacie*, founded for the purpose of binding together the pharmacutists of France and elsewhere, distributes annually a number of prizes, many of them of value, Bouchardat presides and Souberain is Secretary.

Biology has lately become a science in Paris, and the *Société de Biologie* for its propagation, counts among its members, Velpéau, Magendie, Andral, Bouillaud, Barth, &c., the latter being president.

The British, German and American Physician, congregated in Paris, have each a society (*Parisian Medical Society*, *Verein Deutscher Aerzte*, *American Medical Society*), in which are discussed what of interest has occurred in the hospitals during the preceding week. *Messieurs les Médecins des Hôpitaux* little dream of the over-hauling they sometimes get at the hands of these worthies.

I will hazard a short sketch of the French Physicians for (although I much doubt my ability to give a correct one) the nature of this paper imperatively demands some such attempt. But far from wishing to thrust

* It must be a source of gratification to Americans visiting Europe, to perceive the very high estimation in which their illustrious countryman is held—showing that there are those *ultra mare* who are not quite "Barbarians in Science." The name of Valentine Mott is "as familiar in their mouths as House-hold words." His election to the *Société de Chirurgie* was the only unanimous one.