

result not only to themselves but to the Society by their at once becoming Life Members, the premium for which is now reduced to the lowest possible amount—Five Pounds. The late Lord Durham when commencing the list of Life Membership of this Society, in alluding to the magnificent charitable institutions of our beloved mother country, thus expressed himself:—"Many of those now gigantic charities in England had a beginning as humble as yourselves, but were made permanent and lasting by Life Membership."

The Society, in common with all Her Majesty's subjects, sympathize with their beloved Sovereign in the great bereavement she has suffered during the past year. The loss of her Royal mother the Duchess of Kent, above alluded to, and of the Prince Consort, is a deep affliction for our Queen, and will be mourned in every land where the many virtues of the Duchess, and the ability and amiability of character of Prince Albert were known, and which have endeared them to all classes.

During the past year the Society has had to regret the decease of four members, viz: Henry LeMesurier, Esq., one of the original members, its Vice-President, which office he filled three several years afterwards. He was also a Life Member, and died deservedly esteemed and deeply regretted. Mr. James Taylor who died lately very suddenly was also a Life Member, and was much respected. Mr. J. W. Home, also recently deceased, was an Ordinary Member of the Society and much esteemed as a highly respectable and enterprising citizen. And lastly, the board has had to deplore the loss of John Robert Cole, M. D. E., one of the Physicians to the Society. In the discharge of his duties to the sick generally and to the distressed of British origin, as our Physician, he had acquired for himself public esteem and the gratitude of the Society.

All which is humbly submitted,

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President.

Abstract of Cases relieved by the Committee of Charity, from Jan. 5, 1861, to Jan. 5, 1862.

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