

when the possession of these very exclusive privileges tends to retard the progress of science. Immediately on the appearance of the proposed Medical Bill we will furnish our subscribers with a copy of it, even although it impose upon us the necessity of issuing an Extra.

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In our present number will be found some particulars, financial as well as historical, of the "Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Medical men in London and its Vicinity," and we are delighted to give honour to whom honour is due, by transcribing from one of the leading New York Journals a part of the proceedings of a Society lately established in that City for the same purpose. The occasion was the dinner on the anniversary meeting of the Society's establishment, at which Dr. Delafield presided and Dr. Mott was Vice President, surrounded by about 60 members. The perusal of the remarks made by the above amiable and talented men entirely bear us out in our opinion, that associations of the members of our Profession, cannot but tend to elevate their character in the eyes of the community at large; to establish friendly communion among themselves, and to dispel party feelings and petty jealousies. In an especial manner we direct the attention of our readers to the remarks made by the learned Vice President on the subject of the Medical Colleges in the city of New York.

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Dr. Nelson being entitled to the privilege of finally answering Dr. Holmes' remarks, we must beg to decline inserting anything further on this subject. All our readers too must feel, that this contest might be carried on *ad infinitum*, as authorities might be advanced on both sides to support the views taken by the gentlemen respectively. Moreover, this being a season for the exercise of brotherly love and the demonstration of every good feeling among our neighbours, we avail ourselves of the opportunity to take leave of the old year with all its disagreeables, and to welcome in the new, hoping that during the ensuing year much will be done to establish among the members of the Profession in this City the same cordial and kindly feelings as we are glad to find existing among our confrères in New York.