

scientific and other questions connected with our speciality, in the same way as our brethren in England and Scotland have been in the habit of doing."

Dr. MACCABE moved that Dr. Leney be requested to act as Assistant Secretary.

Dr. PATTON seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

Drs. Eustace, Lalor, Duncan, and MacCabe were appointed a committee to fix the first day of meeting, and to arrange for papers.

A vote of thanks, on the motion of Dr. R. STEWART, was passed to the King and Queen's College of Physicians for their kindness and courtesy in granting the use of the room for the meeting.

Dr. Eustace having been called to the second chair,

A vote of thanks was conveyed to Dr. Duncan for presiding and discharging the duties of Chairman so efficiently.

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#### THE LIMERICK DISTRICT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

An inquiry before Dr. Nugent, the Senior Government Inspector in Lunacy, in reference to the conduct of the above establishment, has been lately instituted, and reported upon by him to the Lord Lieutenant; but inasmuch as his Excellency's decision has not reached us yet, we deem it only right to decline entering into any particulars in connection therewith at present, further than to observe that according to the reported proceedings of the inquiry given in the newspapers, *de die in diem*, the manner in which Dr. Nugent fulfilled the delicate and important duty devolved upon him was able and judicial; and also to express our great astonishment and regret that whilst this inquiry is *sub judice* an Anglo-Irish professional periodical should have so far forgotten fair play as to do all it could "to hound on the dogs of war" against the accused, so unhappily giving force to the saying that set an Irishman on the spit and another will be found to turn it.

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#### Obituary.

JOHN HENRY SIMPSON, L.R.C.P.L., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A., died at Clarendon, Jamaica, on January 30th, 1873, aged 31 years, of hydrophobia. He received his medical education at Charing Cross Hospital, of which school he was a distinguished student, carrying off several of the prizes and medals. For more than five years he acted as one of the Medical Officers to the Kent and Gloucester County Asylums; he was advised to travel for the benefit of his health, and on becoming completely restored, settled in Jamaica, having obtained a Colonial appointment in that Island. From a local paper we learn that some months before his death he was bitten on the thumb by a dog, and shortly after he cut or scratched the same thumb whilst making a *post-mortem* examination. The symptoms of hydrophobia set in on Monday, January 27th, and he died, after four days of great suffering, on Thursday, January 30th. It appears that the dog which inflicted the injury is still alive, and has never shown any symptoms of rabies. His untimely end, in the midst of a career of great promise, will be deeply regretted both in Jamaica and in England by the large number of friends to whom he had endeared himself by his sterling qualities and kindness of heart.

We regret having to announce the decease of EDWARD SMITH, M.B., B.A., T.C.D., the Resident Medical Superintendent of the Londonderry District Hospital for the Insane, to which he had been appointed in 1868, in succession to the late William F. Rogan, M.B., by the Duke of Abercorn, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. The deceased had been in office but four years at the time of his removal, which occurred on the 23rd of December last, and was only thirty-five years of age; the immediate cause of his death having arisen from an attack of acute rheumatism. Dr. Smith had given proof of great efficiency and kindness in the discharge of his duties.