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Dr. LEE, President, in the Chair.

Henry Worms, Esq., Park Crescent, Portland Place; and
 Rev. John Sargent, 6 Bentinck Terrace, Regent's Park,
 were balloted for and duly elected Fellows of the Society.

Grant for a Hill Observatory in India.

The following letter was received in answer to an application for the aid of Her Majesty's Government towards the establishment for a limited period, under the superintendence of Captain Jacob, of an Observatory in the neighbourhood of Bombay, at a considerable altitude above the sea.

*Treasury Chambers,
 8th August, 1861.*

In reply to your application addressed to Lord Palmerston on the 24th June last, for a grant to the Royal Astronomical Society of 1000*l.* in aid of the proposed temporary maintenance of an observatory near Poonah, I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to acquaint you that the sum of 1000*l.* having been voted in Parliament for the object described in your letter, My Lords will be prepared to issue the