fallen from the worthy Secretary. He thought certain fruits and certain flowers, which flourished at the same time, might be exhibited on the same day.

After a very pleasing discussion, which lasted a considerable time, upon the propositions of the two last speakers, it was agreed to postpone their further consideration, with other matters, until the next meeting.

Dr. FORSTER suggested the propriety of giving publicity to the proceedings of the Society, from time to time, in a small periodical publication, to be called the *Floral Herald*, and he would engage to take an active part in preparing such Report. The learned gentleman would also undertake, he said, as often as his limited time would admit, to translate from the *German* and *French* Journals, such articles as might be found of general interest to the Horticulturist. The Doctor spoke at considerable length on the great utility of publications like those he proposed, and of the powers of the press; he instanced THE LANCET, as an example of the great magnitude and importance that such periodical works had acquired, which began by small *exordia*. THE LANCET set out with reporting only a few medical facts and observations, but it had become of great importance, and was circulated on a scale perfectly unprecedented in the annals of medical literature; it had contributed essentially to promote the medical profession, and the rapid circulation of medical knowledge. He would recommend to the notice and support of the Society, a small work which would have for its object the circulation of information connected with Horticulture and Botany in all its branches, to be published at a small cost, in order that it might be accessible to cultivators generally, to contain a record of the principal improvements made in those sciences in the county of Essex and elsewhere, to which cultivators should be invited to contribute, at a time, too, when the almost simultaneous energies of the people in all counties were united in order to extend the benefits of education to all classes of the community; in diffusing such blessings, the good effects of a free periodical press was universally felt and acknowledged.

Dr. FORSTER then suggested that an eminent Botanist, not residing in the county, should be requested to become an Honorary Corresponding Member of the Society, and named Sir James Edward Smith, the President of the Linnean Society. The proposition was received with much applause, the general impression being, that such a name would be a great acquisition to the Society; the motion was carried with acclamation.

The importance of the accession of so active and useful a member as Dr. Forster, was felt and acknowledged by all present.

LIBRARY OF THE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Royal College of Surgeons in London,
2d January, 1828.

SIR,—I AM directed by the Board of Curators to inform you that the library of this college was opened on the 1st. instant under the following

REGULATIONS:

The reading-room of the college shall be open from ten till four every day, except on Saturdays and Sundays; except also during the month of August.

Members and articled students of the college shall be admitted to the reading-room.

Other persons, desirous of admission, shall send their applications in writing, (specifying their christian and surnames, rank, or profession, and places of abode,) to the Board of Curators.

Admission will be granted for six months, at the expiration of which time application shall be made for a renewal of the permission.

All possible despatch shall be used in supplying readers with such books as they may require.

Readers taking extracts from any book, shall not lay the paper on which they write, on any part of such book; nor shall any tracings be taken from any plate without the permission of the Board of Curators.

Readers are not to write on any part of a book belonging to the College; and if any one should observe a defect in any book, he is requested to communicate the same to the librarian.

N. B. The admission tickets are by no means transferable, nor may readers introduce friends, or amanuenses, without respective tickets.

EDM. BELFOUR, Secretary.