ignored or only obtained after a wretched struggle? Better to have no rank at all than this absurd relative rank system of ours. We look abroad to other lands, and we see in America, in Italy, in Turkey, and other countries, army medical officers fully recognised as military officers, enjoying clear military rank, not classed as non-combatants; and if they have achieved this position, we in England can do the same. No reason whatever exists why our rank, now "relative," should not be made "honorary," carrying with it its clear military title, prefixed if necessary by the word "Surgeon." If "Surgeon-Major" is used, why not "Surgeon-Captain" or "Surgeon-Lieutenant"? It would save much confusion.

Yours, &c.,

T. V. R. C.

May, 1879.

EXAMINING FEES AT GLASGOW.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—In your report of the evidence of Dr. Acland before the Select Committee of the House of Commons, he is said to have answered, when interrogated by Mr. Wheelhouse, "I have heard it stated that the examining fees in Scotland, at Glasgow especially, are much less than at some other examining bodies."

Permit me to say, in reference to this evidence, that the examining fees in Glasgow are exactly the same as those charged at the other boards in Scotland.

I am, Sir, yours obediently,

ALEXANDER DUNCAN, Secretary.

Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow,
July 1st, 1879.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

Monday, June 30th.

THE VICTORIA UNIVERSITY.

Lord WINMARLEIGH asked whether Her Majesty's Government had decided on the advice which should be given to Her Majesty with regard to the institution of a new university in accordance with a petition recently presented to Her Majesty.

The Duke of RICHMOND and GORDON.—A petition has been presented to the Queen in Council, praying Her Majesty to be graciously pleased to grant a charter to a Northern University, to be called the Victoria University, and Her Majesty has been advised to grant the prayer. (Cheers.)

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Monday, June 30th.

INFANT MORTALITY.

Mr. A. MILLS asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether he had received a memorial from the guardians of the poor in the city of Exeter, calling his attention to the increase of infant mortality there; and whether it would be possible to amend the Infant Life Protection Act, 1872, and the Registration Act, 1874, so as to bring foster-mothers who had charge of one infant only, and all persons who may procure the burial of stillborn children without obtaining a medical certificate, within the provisions of these statutes.

Mr. CROSS said that the memorial had been received, and he had consulted the Local Government Board on the subject. He was told that in their opinion neither of the suggestions of the guardians was practicable. Each of those suggestions had been considered and rejected at the time when the Bills relating to them respectively were passing through Parliament. He might, however, add that he had issued a circular to the different local authorities and members of the police force requesting that the provisions of the Act for the protection of infant life should be properly put in force.

A FINE and life-like portrait of the late Mr. John Hilton has just been presented by his widow to the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons. It is by Mr. Herbert Barraud, and is a great success. By permission of the President it is now on view.

Medical News.

UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM.—The following candidates, having satisfactorily undergone the necessary examinations on June 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th, had their respective degrees conferred upon them at a convocation held on June 24th :—

DEGREE OF M.D. (for Practitioners of fifteen years' standing).

Travers, William, M.R.C.P., F.R.C.S.

DEGREE OF M.B.

Bowman, Hugh T.

Crick, Samuel A., M.R.C.S., L.S.A.

Dodd, John Richard.

Green, Charles, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.

Ryan, Jos. M., L.R.C.S., L.A.H.

Trewman, George T., M.R.C.S., L.S.A.

Tyson, William Jos., F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Willis, Charles F., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Woodman, William E., M.R.C.S., L.S.A.

DEGREE OF M.S.

Bowman, Hugh T.

Crick, Samuel A., M.R.C.S., L.S.A.

Two candidates failed to satisfy the Examiners.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received certificates to practise, on June 26th :—

Scale, Thomas William, Aberdare.

Sutcliffe, Joseph, Larkhall-lane.

The following gentlemen on the same day passed the Primary Professional Examination :—

William Morris and Frederick John Wheeler, King's College.

At the recent examination for the Prizes in Botany annually given by the Society of Apothecaries the successful candidates were—

First.—Robert Henry S. Spicer, St. Mary's Hospital.

Second.—Sidney Harris Cox Martin, University College.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND.—

At examinations held on the 26th and 27th ult. the under-mentioned gentleman was admitted a Fellow of the College :

George Paul Minchin Woodward.

UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN.—The following degrees were conferred on the 25th ult. :—

DOCTOR IN MEDICINE.—Edward Joseph Latham Blacker, William Fetherstone H. Lambert, Joseph Lister (*honoris causa*), Gilbert Richardson, Samuel Warren, Charles Rolleston Woods, Thos. Blair Worthington.

BACHELOR IN MEDICINE.—John Battersby, Fitzgerald Blood, Abraham Cohen, John Singleton Darling Darling, Hy. Grey Edwards, Arthur Richard Frederick Exham, John Charles Hogan, William Stewart Lecky, John Auchinleck MacMunn, Andrew Murray, Joseph Dallas Pratt, Gilbert Richardson, Crosdale Miller Thompson, Frederick William Warren, John Williams.

BACHELOR IN SURGERY.—John Battersby, Frederick Charles Berry, Fitzgerald Blood, Henry Grey Edwards, Arthur Richard Frederick Exham, John Charles Hogan, William Stewart Lecky, Benjamin Thomas M'Creery, John Auchinleck MacMunn, Abraham Malley, Thomas Tilly Moore, Andrew Murray, Thos Orde Smith, Crosdale Miller Thompson.

DR. JOHN WILSON ELLIOTT, of Grange, Moy Deputy Inspector-General, R.N. (retired), has been placed on the commission of the peace for the county Tyrone.

THE town of Wigan is about to spend £60,000 in constructing a system of sewers, to convey the sewage through pipes to a farm at Newburgh, a distance of seven miles. The works were commenced last week.

VACCINATION GRANTS.—Mr. T. H. Tidswell, of the Morecambe district, Lancaster Union, and Mr. William Sheppard, of Ashford, Kent, have received gratuities for efficient vaccination.

ADELAIDE HOSPITAL, DUBLIN.—The twenty-first annual meeting of the friends of this hospital was held last week, presided over by Lord James Butler. Considerable progress has been made in the new additions, the fever hospital has been completed, and a limited number of beds have been set apart for fever patients who can defray the cost of their maintenance. A convenient mortuary building was found indispensable, and has been finished at a cost of £300, of which sum the medical officers contributed £100. The committee, in their report, refer to the financial loss which the hospital sustained by the dishonesty of the late registrar, who absconded, leaving a deficiency in his accounts of £735, of which sum £535 falls on the hospital, the remainder being covered by a guarantee society.