a vessel by means of a plug. When we tie an artery we cannot succeed in uniting the opposite sides permanently unless we cut through the internal coat; that is, unless we allow the vessels to meet and throw out their nutritive matter into a common cavity, when it becomes an organised coagulum.

NOTTINGHAM BRANCH OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

WE are glad to perceive, from the following document, that the practitioners of the midland and northern counties are at length becoming sensible of the real position which they should assume in order to forward the all-important object of medical reform. We trust that the example which has been given by Nottingham, and some other localities, will be speedily and extensively followed throughout the kingdom.

To Geo. Webster, Esq., M.D., President of the British Medical Association.

Sir:—I have the pleasure to inform you that at a numerous meeting of the medical practitioners of this town and neighbourhood, held September 26th, 1838, in the Assembly Rooms here, Dr. Mitchell Davidson in the chair, the following resolutions were agreed to. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

HENRY C. ATTENBURROW, Hon. Sec.
Castle-gate, Nottingham,
Oct. 11, 1838.

That the present state of the medical profession requires its members to unite, in order to defend and promote their rights, interests, and respectability, and to cherish kind and honourable feelings towards each other.

That a Branch of the British Medical Association for Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, and the adjoining counties, be now established.

Thereon an amendment was proposed—

That an Association of legally qualified medical practitioners for Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, and the adjoining counties, to be designated the Midland Counties Medical Association, be now formed.

The original motion was carried.

That a president, six vice-presidents, a treasurer and secretary, be annually appointed.

That eight committee-men be chosen, four of whom shall retire by lot at the end of the first year, and subsequently four others be elected along with the other officers, who together shall constitute a Committee of Management,—four to be a quorum.

That the Committee of Management forthwith draw up a code of rules, in conformity with the laws of the Parent Association.

OFFICERS.

President.—Dr. J. M. Davidson.

Vice-Presidents.

Mr. Wm. Wright, Dr. Hutchinson,
Dr. Howitt, Mr. Greeves.

Mr. Cooper (Mansfield),

Treasurer.—Mr. Robert Davison.

Hon. Secretary.—Mr. H. C. Attenburrow.

Committee.

Mr. G. Mills White, Mr. Orton (Beeston),
Mr. Isaac Massey, Mr. Burrows,
Mr. Billings, Mr. Valentine (Sut-
ton in Ashfield).
Mr. J. N. Thompson,

That this Branch Association do suggest to the Parent Association the propriety of appropriating not less than two-thirds of the sum transmitted from each Branch Association towards the formation of the Benevolent Fund.

(Signed) J. MITCHELL DAVIDSON, M.D.,
Chairman.

Dr. Davidson having left the chair, it was resolved unanimously,—That the thanks of this meeting be given to Dr. Davidson, for his able and impartial conduct in the chair.

LATIN AT THE HALL.

(From a Correspondent.)

To convey some idea of the knowledge of Latin possessed by the Examiners at Rhubarb Hall, the following facts may be mentioned:—One of these sages went to the table where sat a youthful candidate for the licence, and said to him, "You will begin, Sir, at *imprints* (long, instead of pronouncing the *i* short), and end at (so and so)."

Presently afterwards he said, "Perhaps, Sir, you will have the kindness to parse a line or two."

Cand. Anywhere, Sir?

Ex. Of course. Here, if you like.

Candidate parsed a line.

Ex. What tense is *sit*?

Cand. The conjunctive mood.

Ex. Very well, Sir, *I see you understand your Latin well.*

To another candidate, whose schedule the Examiner was signing, the learned apothecary said, "It is true, Sir, that you have got through your *examination*, but you have not done with the *Latin* yet, and I would, therefore, strongly recommend you to *keep it up* (the dignified conversational style of the old ladies is, in the highest degree, becoming their office and position), for you will have to pass another examination, where they will be *much more strict*!!"

Cand. Of course, Sir, I intend to brush up my Latin.

There are hundreds of medical students, "fresh and green from the country," who