Dr. NOTTINGHAM then read a paper "On the Treatment of Conical Cornea."

The members afterwards dined together, and the festivities were kept up to a late hour.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH.

In consequence of the general meeting of the whole of the Parent Association having been appointed to be held in 1851, at Brighton, it was considered by the members of the committees of management of the last and present year, to be unnecessary and inexpedient to have the usual annual meeting of this branch.

It was therefore agreed that the Folkestone meeting, as appointed at Guildford, should be postponed to Wednesday, the 30th of June, 1852, to which the members of the South-Eastern Branch were invited.

The gentlemen assembled at the Pavilion Hotel, when there were present—Frederick Harvey Sankey, Esq., Wingham; Amelius Sicard, Esq., Bridge, Canterbury; James Reid, Esq., Canterbury; John Beet, Esq., Ashford; Peter John Martin, Esq., Pulborough; Edward Long, Esq., Barham; Thomas Martin, Esq., Reigate; George Bottomley, Esq., Croydon; Peter Martin, Esq., Reigate; Isaac Hargraves, Esq., Tunbridge Wells; William Alexander Greenhill, M.D., Hastings; John Penkivill, Esq., Staplehurst; Alfred B. Andrews, Esq., Canterbury; John T. Terry, Esq., Wittersham; Robert Martin, M.B., Pulborough; Andrew Wood Baird, M.D., Dover; Wm. Sankey, Esq., Dover; Francis William Pittock, Esq., Sellenge; Henry Whitefield, Esq., Ashford; Thomas H. Silvester, M.D., Clapham; Silvester Eastes, Esq., Folkestone; Peter Rascow, Esq., Folkestone; James Stedman, Esq., Guildford.

At twelve o'clock, the President, Mr. Stedman, took the chair. The minutes of the proceeding at the meetings at Guildford and Reigate having been approved and confirmed,

Mr. STEDMAN, of Guildford, then addressed the gentlemen present.

The SECRETARY read a letter, which had been addressed to Mr. Stedman by Dr. Soulby, expressing his deep regret that he was unable to attend the meeting as the successor of Mr. Stedman, as had been appointed at the meeting at Guildford, on account of severe illness, whereupon it was moved and seconded unanimously,—

"That this meeting desires to express to Dr. Soulby the sincere regret of the members present at the illness under which he is now suffering, and which deprives the meeting of the advantages of his presidency, and to offer to him the expression of their sympathy and cordial good wishes for his complete recovery."

The Treasurer then presented his summary of account from the 26th of June, 1850, to the 30th June, 1852, as follows:—

<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
1850: June 26th.—Balance due to the Treasurer	...	3	13	4
Oct. 21st.—Account paid to Mr. Allingham—				
Printing, stationary, and stamps	...	14	16	2
1851: Aug. 25th.—A further account—Printing and				
stationary expenses	...	2	11	6
Sept. 11.—Printing account	...	0	12	6
1852: June 24th.—Printing, envelopes, stamps	...	3	0	6
„ 30th.—Balance in the Treasurer's hands	...	4	12	0

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<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.
1852: June 30th.—Amount received in half-crown				
subscriptions	...	29	6	0

Examined and approved,

W. A. GREENHILL, M.D.
J. HARGRAVES.

Mr. Stedman having then left the chair, it was taken by

Mr. SANKEY, of Wingham, who addressed the meeting. After giving a very interesting account of Folkestone, and a biographical sketch of the great Harvey, in which he dwelt with much eloquence on the value of his immortal discoveries, he concluded by saying: "Gentlemen, I have to thank you most cordially for the kindness and attention with which you have listened to my address. I should not have consented to occupy the honourable position in which I have this day been placed, had I not felt, as I said at the commencement, that I should have the kind assistance of Mr. Martin. I trust that I may have many like opportunities of meeting my professional brethren, for no one, I can assure you, feels more than I do the truth of the words of Harvey that I have just quoted, 'that these meetings tend to be honour of the profession, and cause us to continue mutually in love.'"

SHROPSHIRE BRANCH.

THE Annual Meeting of the SHROPSHIRE BRANCH OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION, was held at the Boreatton Arms Hotel, Baschurch, on Thursday, the 8th July. There were present—Joseph Hickman, Esq., President; Robert Broughton, Esq., Vice-President; Dr. Johnson, Dr. H. Williams; P. Cartwright, Esq.; J. Y. Arrowsmith, Esq.; Wm. James Clement, Esq.; Richard Thursfield, Esq.; J. N. Heathcote, Esq.; Samuel Wood, Esq.; James Bratton, Esq.; J. P. Wilding, Esq.; John Rider, Esq.; J. R. Humphreys, Esq.

The general business of the Association was gone into at length, and the following resolutions were unanimously agreed to:—

Proposed by Dr. JOHNSON, and seconded by S. WOOD, Esq.,—"That this Branch entirely approves of the Draught Medical Bill, and recommends most earnestly the Parent Association to adopt such measures, at their next Meeting at Oxford, as shall best insure its introduction to the Legislature."

Proposed by W. J. CLEMENT, Esq., and seconded by RICHARD THURSFIELD, Esq.,—"That this Branch strongly deprecates any alteration in the editorship or publication of the *Provincial Medical and Surgical Journal*, and considers that the present Editors are deserving of the best thanks of the Association."

Robert Broughton, Esq., was chosen President for the ensuing year.

The members afterwards sat down to an excellent dinner, when they were joined by several friends, and separated after enjoying a very pleasant evening.

GONORRHOEA TREATED BY CHLOROFORM INJECTIONS.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—In your valuable publication of July 3rd, I find that there are several cases respecting the cure of gonorrhœa by the injection of chloroform and mucilage. Having tried it in six or seven cases, the parties complain of severe pain for nine or twelve hours afterwards, and also after micturition there is a quantity of blood passed; also great difficulty in voiding the urine, which has, in one case, necessitated the use of the catheter. Not seeing these facts stated, I beg the favour of the insertion of these few lines.

I am yours, &c.,

EDWARD HALL, Surgeon.

Bridge-street, Southwark, July, 1852.

ON VACCINATION FROM THE VACCINE ESCHAR.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—Several communications having recently appeared in your journal on the subject of the preservation of vaccine lymph, which undoubtedly constitutes a great desideratum, under considerations of the varied circumstances of medical experience and remote locality, (as distance from towns, situation of colonies, &c.), I am induced to suppose, from the tenour of sentiment before me, that the present object is too much directed to the preservation of lymph in a fluid condition, and seemingly placing a negative upon other means, effectually adopted in times past, for the preservation of all the virtues of the lymph, the perpetuation of the characteristic phenomena of vaccination, the retention of these specific virtues for a lengthened period of time, and capability of transmitting these to distant countries. And as so much has been said on the means of preserving a fluid state of lymph, and such various expedients adopted for its conveyance and application, I feel convinced that the profession has in a great measure lost sight of, or otherwise never hitherto justly appreciated, the advantages, facilities, and virtues residing in the use of the spontaneously discharged *eschar* of vaccination.

I am led to arrest attention on this subject from a conviction in my own mind that matter in a state of moisture or fluidity must ever have tendency to undergo a more rapid change amidst its constituent particles, and thus tend to earlier decomposition, than matter in the state of a dry solid, and rendering the fluid lymph undoubtedly incomparable to the dry *eschar* in questions involving considerations of time.

Some twenty years since, when I held appointment under the Hudson's Bay Company, and possessed the sole medical charge of an extensive colony in the vicinity of Lake Winnipeg, in North America, it became a duty to pay attention to the subject of vaccination, alarm having been excited, and the remembrance of the devastating influence of small-pox of some former period, in the same locality, having reasonably enough afforded occasion. I made application to the metro-