

vacancy after all. For the appointment three gentlemen canvassed the electors, one being a member of the Council of the College.

#### THE ROYAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND.

The annual meeting of Convocation was to have been held on the 30th ult., but as only twenty-four members put in an appearance an adjournment became necessary, thirty members being required to form a quorum. The meeting was not attended by the Senate, and, as no notice or invitations was given to the press, but little interest was taken in the matter. It is the intention, I am informed, of some of the members to discuss in the medical journals matters which were to have been brought forward on the 30th ult., as it is probable that no meeting of Convocation will be summoned until October next.

#### DUBLIN HOSPITAL SUNDAY.

Collections in aid of this Fund will be made in the churches belonging to the Dublin district on next Sunday, the 11th inst. In 1874, the first year the Fund was established, £3306 was obtained, and last year it amounted to £4193, or an increase of £887, as compared with 1874. During the past nine years, of the total sums collected, amounting to £35,862 9s. 4d., there has been allocated £33,582 16s. to the various hospitals participating in the Fund.

#### INCOMPLETE FRACTURES.

At the opening meeting of the Pathological Section of the Academy of Medicine last week, Mr. E. H. Bennett, Vice-President of the Royal College of Surgeons, exhibited specimens of incomplete fractures of the clavicle and scapula. By the term "incomplete" (greenstick or sallyswitch) fracture is meant where the bone is not completely separated at the fractured part. These specimens were obtained from the body of a young man aged nineteen, who had been killed by an accident, and consisted of a clavicle and scapula. In the latter the incomplete fracture was at the base of the coracoid process, and in the collar-bone at two places; one very close to the sternal extremity, and the other at the middle portion of the bone. These incomplete fractures, except in children, have not been usually recognised, and, examples being extremely rare, are necessarily of interest when exhibited.

#### ROTUNDO LYING-IN HOSPITAL.

Recently it was attempted, by a section of the Town Council, to reduce the Corporation grant to this hospital from £300 to £200, but happily the intention was defeated. In the year ending March, 1881, there were 1830 women admitted to the hospital; the following year 1761; and the year ending last March 1632, or a total of 5223 during the past three years.

Mr. Wheeler, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, it is rumoured, will shortly commence an action against the Government to recover fees estimated at £1150 for attendance upon Mr. Sheeu Carter, co. Mayo, who was fired at last year, and had his leg amputated.

Dr. Carte, of the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham, met with an accident last week, having dislocated his ankle whilst out walking.

P. W. Long, M.D., has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the City of Dublin.

## BELFAST.

(From our own Correspondent.)

#### THE CHAIR OF ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY, QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

I HAVE very great pleasure in announcing that Dr. Redfern has been induced to withdraw his resignation of the Chair of Anatomy and Physiology in Queen's College, and has re-entered upon his professional duties. Although it was rumoured some time ago, in several of the papers, that this course would be taken, I am in a position to state that nothing definite was arranged until last Friday. Universal satisfaction is felt in all circles that our College is to retain the services of Professor Redfern, whose rare ability as a teacher and lecturer has done so much to raise the Belfast Medical School to the high position which it at present holds. Everyone hopes that he may continue for many years as a

professor at Queen's College, Belfast. The Royal University has shown its appreciation of Dr. Redfern by appointing him a Medical Fellow, and in this capacity he will act as an examiner at the Second University and Degree Examinations.

#### JAMES MOORE, M.D., M.R.I.A.

By the death of Dr. James Moore, which took place on October 28th, the medical profession in Belfast has lost one of its older members, and one who as a surgeon occupied for years a high position in the north of Ireland. Dr. Moore was son of the late Dr. David Moore, R.N., of Belfast, and after studying here he went to Edinburgh, where he took the degree of M.D. When in Edinburgh he formed a close intimacy with the late Mr. Syme, which continued until that gentleman's death. Dr. Moore was for a lengthened period surgeon to the Royal Hospital, and on retiring from active duties he was placed on the consulting staff. He was also one of the medical attendants at the Belfast Asylum, and Surgeon to the Great Northern Railway. He held a number of honorary medical appointments, and was a very warm supporter of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Dr. Moore was an enthusiastic lover of art, and his pictures, which have at various times been exhibited in the Royal Hibernian Academy, and in the local exhibitions in Belfast, gave evidence of his undoubted skill as an artist. In addition to being a member of the Royal Irish Academy, he was an Hon. R.H.A. He was one of the Managers of the Belfast Government School of Art, and he did everything in his power at all times to promote among his fellow-citizens a love for the fine arts. He had been in declining health since August, and died eventually from congestion of the lungs.

#### PROPOSED HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTIVE PATIENTS IN BELFAST.

Mr. Forster Green, a leading member of the Society of Friends in Belfast, and a man of great benevolence, has intimated to the board of management of the Royal Hospital his intention of giving £5000 for the purpose of building a hospital, or applying the interest of the money in support of a department in connexion with the Royal Hospital for the Treatment of Consumptive Patients. The proposal was received with great satisfaction and gratitude, and a committee was appointed by the board of management to consider how they could best carry out the generous intentions of the donor.

#### ROYAL HOSPITAL, BELFAST.

The present winter session commenced on Saturday, when Dr. John Moore, the senior surgeon, delivered an introductory address before a crowded and interested audience of students. Professor Cuming occupied the chair.

#### THE MATER INFIRMORUM HOSPITAL.

The above Hospital, situated in a building on the Crumlin-road, formerly known as Bedegue House, and under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Church, was formally opened last week by the Rev. Dr. Darrian, Roman Catholic Bishop of Down and Connor. The hospital, it is announced, will be conducted on the same principles as the Mater Misericordiarum in Dublin, and will be under the care of the Sisters of Mercy. The prospectus which has been issued regarding the new hospital, states that "while the spiritual wants of the Roman Catholic patients will be particularly cared for, the religious convictions of other denominations will be scrupulously respected. Aid will be denied to no one; to be sick and destitute will be the only necessary passports to its wards."

**INSANITARY STATE OF THE REGENT'S CANAL.**—The Paddington Vestry, at a meeting on the 6th inst., unanimously endorsed the opinion of the joint committee, consisting of the Sanitary and Public Health Committee and the General Purposes Committee, that the nuisance complained of in connexion with the insanitary state of the Regent's Canal may be attributed to the manner in which certain trades are conducted on the banks of the canal, and that it is not created by the parish authorities in the disposal of their street refuse. A copy of this statement was ordered to be sent to the Local Government Board.

MRS. JULIA DEARN HARDIE, who is charged with being concerned with the late Mr. Haffenden in performing an operation for an unlawful purpose, has been committed for trial, when it is stated further medical evidence for the prosecution will be adduced.