

the large one must have been a crown jewel, rather than a veritable pendant for the ear or nose.

On motion, the use of the Hall was tendered to the Association of Medical Superintendents of Hospitals and Asylums for the Insane, for the purpose of holding their proposed meetings.

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*Stated Meeting, May 16.*

Present, fifteen members.

JUDGE KANE, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Mr. Robert Patterson, recently elected a member, was presented, and took his seat.

Letters were read:—

From Dr. William Shippen, dated Philadelphia, 15th May, 1851, acknowledging the receipt of notice of his election as a member of this Society, and declining the acceptance thereof: and—

From the Cambridge Philosophical Society, dated Cambridge, 1st January, 1851, announcing the transmission of their Transactions, Vol. IX. Part 1, as a donation to this Society.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London, for the Year 1850. Part 2. London, 1850. 4to.—*From the Royal Society.*

List of the Council and Fellows of the Royal Society, Nov. 30, 1850. 4to.—*From the same.*

Astronomical, and Magnetical and Meteorological Observations, made at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, in the Year 1849, under the direction of George Biddell Airy, Esq., M.A., Astronomer Royal. London, 1850. 4to.—*From the same.*

Results of Observations made by the Rev. Fearon Fallowes, at the Royal Observatory, Cape of Good Hope, in the Years 1829,

- 1830, 1831. Reduced under the Superintendence of G. B. Airy, Esq., Astronomer Royal. London, 1849. 4to.—*From the same.*
- Observations on Days of Unusual Magnetic Disturbance, made at the British Colonial Magnetic Observatories, under the Departments of Ordnance and Admiralty. Printed by the British Government, under the Superintendence of Lieut. Col. Edward Sabine, of the Royal Artillery. Vol. I. Part 2. 1842, 1843, 1844. London, 1851. 4to.—*From the British Government, through Col. Sabine.*
- Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society. Vol. XI. No. 4. Feb. 15, 1851. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Transactions of the Cambridge Philosophical Society. Vol. IX. Part 1. Cambridge, 1851. 4to.—*From the Society.*
- Observations des Phénomènes Périodiques. 1849. Bruxelles. 4to. *From M. A. Quetelet.*
- Rapport adressé à M. le Ministre de l'Intérieur, sur l'état et les travaux de l'Observatoire Royal pendant l'année, 1849. Par M. le Directeur Quetelet.—*From the same.*
- Fourth Annual Report of the Regents of the University of New York, on the Condition of the State Cabinet of Natural History, and the Historical and Antiquarian Collection annexed thereto. Made to the Senate, January 14, 1851. Albany. 8vo.—*From the Regents of the University of New York.*
- An Address delivered before the Rhode Island Historical Society, on the evening of February 19, 1851. By Elisha R. Potter, Member of the Society. Providence, 1851. 8vo.—*From the Author.*
- Papers on Practical Engineering: Published by the Engineer Department, for the use of the Officers of the U. S. Corps of Engineers. No. 5. An Analytical Investigation of the Resistance of Piles to Superincumbent Pressure, deduced from the force of Driving; with an application of the formula to the foundations of Fort Montgomery, Rouse's Point, N. Y. By Brevet Lieut. Col. James L. Mason, Capt. U. S. Engineers. Washington, 1850. 8vo. *From Gen. J. G. Totten, U. S. Engineers.*

Dr. Franklin Bache announced the decease of Dr. Samuel George Morton, a member of this Society, who died in this city on the 15th inst., in the 52d year of his age, and accompanied the announcement by a brief notice of the scientific labours of the deceased.

On motion, Dr. Horner was appointed to prepare an obituary notice of Dr. Morton.

On motion, the Society resolved to attend the funeral of Dr. Morton.

Mr. Peale called the attention of members to a small tract which had been laid on the table by the Librarian, Mr. C. B. Trego, on the title page of which there was a print of an ancient British Torque collar, and desired them to notice the striking similarity that existed between it and the gold rings, of African manufacture, exhibited at the last meeting of the Society by Mr. W. P. Du Bois, assistant assayer of the Mint, United States.

The pamphlet states that the collar (of which a plate is given on the title page) is made of brass, and that they have been found made of gold and bronze.

The African rings are of native manufacture, and twisted throughout nearly their entire length, leaving only a small part of each end plain and round, exhibiting a similitude which is not identical, only in the fact that the African rings are not bent into hooks at each extremity, as in that of British manufacture.

Mr. Peale adverted to the singular circumstance of such identity of form, in rings made in parts of the earth so widely separated, and in periods of time so remote as that of the ancient British and modern Africans; and stated that he had seen a gold bracelet of East Indian manufacture, which was similar in construction, so far as twisted strands of metal would present the same general form.

Pending nominations, from Nos. 256 to 259, and new nomination, No. 260, were read.

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*Stated Meeting, June 20.*

Present, seventeen members.

Dr. PATTERSON, President, in the Chair.

Letters were read:—

From Peter M'Call, dated Fourth street, 19th June, 1851, acknowledging the receipt of notice of his election as a member of this Society:—