

ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY,

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ESTABLISHED FOR THE RESTORATION OF HUMAN LIFE,
WHEN SUSPENDED
BY VARIOUS KINDS OF ACCIDENTAL
AND SUDDEN DEATH,
VIZ. *M. 10.*
DROWNING, STRANGLING, APOPLEXY, SUFFOCATION,
AND BY THE
NOXIOUS VAPOURS OF MINES, CAVERNS, &c.
INTENSE COLD,
AND THE
TREMENDOUS STROKE OF LIGHTNING.

ANNUAL REPORT,

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FOR THE

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1798.

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PUBLICA SALUS MEA MERCES.

*"The faithful tender wife, who, in tears immers'd,
Despondent, shrieks and grieves, her consort's death bewails;
Surpriz'd, with gazing eyes, her dearest she beholds,
Like from the grave re-born, again to her restor'd."*

1774 { RESTORED TO LIFE,
to { TO THEIR PARENTS,
1797 { TO THEIR FAMILIES, } 2,259.
AND
TO THE STATE,



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ADVERTISEMENT.

DEATH MAY USURP ON NATURE MANY HOURS ;
AND YET THE FIRE OF LIFE KINDLE AGAIN
THE O'ER-PREST SPIRITS. *Shakespeare.*

THE PUBLICATION OF THIS REPORT *may be considered as the ANNIVERSARIAM NARRATIONEM addressed and presented to the Guardians of Human Life.*—It is well known that its appearance at stated periods has been productive of the happiest consequences to mankind.—By the establishment of this Institution PROVIDENCE has permitted the Medical Assistants, &c. to retard the progress of death ;—to restore lamented objects of virtuous affection ;—to restore the permanent support of helpless innocence ; — and finally to rescue SUICIDES from eternal destruction.

TO SNATCH FROM DEATH THE VICTIMS OF DESPAIR,
AND GIVE THE MEANS OF PENITENCE AND PRAYER.

AT THIS ENLIGHTENED ÆRA, it will be unnecessary to dwell upon the merit of our exertions ; yet it may be observed, that adventitious circumstances give additional force to the pleadings of sympathy and compassion.—The INLAND NAVIGATIONS, objects of infinite importance to a Commercial Country, are intimately connected with our excellent Institution.—LET US behold industrious members of the community ploughing the bosom of the ocean.—LET US consider the vastness of its numbers thus employed.—LET US estimate the dangers to which they are exposed in aggrandizing the power and opulence of Britain ;—And then say, if we must not be insensible alike to the feelings of philanthropy, should we deny the necessity of countenancing and supporting the HUMANE SOCIETY ?

— “ ’TIS THINE, WHEN VITAL BREATH SEEMS FLED,
“ TO SEEK THE AWFUL CONFINES OF THE DEAD ;
“ DRAG THE PALE VICTIM FROM THE WHELMING WAVE,
“ AND SNATCH THE BODY FROM THE FLOATING GRAVE ;
“ TO BREATHE IN THE LIPS RE-ANIMATING FIRE,
“ TILL WARM'D TO SECOND LIFE THE DROWN'D RESPIRE.”

Dr. RUSH in his ingenious and learned oration delivered before the PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, held in Philadelphia, observes :

“ IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY many hundred
 “ people have been brought to life by the successful
 “ efforts of the ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY and
 “ other HUMANE SOCIETIES, now established in
 “ MANY PARTS OF EUROPE, and in some parts
 “ of AMERICA.”

“ ÆQUE PAUPERIBUS PRODEST, LOCUPLETIBUS ÆQUE ;

“ ÆQUE NEGLECTUM, PUERIS SENIBUSQUE NOCEBIT.”

HOR.

The Rev. Dr. GLASSE, in his excellent Anniversary Sermon, observes :—“ The attention and care of other
 “ charitable Institutions are confined to the lower classes of
 “ the people. This before us extends to all orders and
 “ degrees without discrimination ;—those of every rank
 “ and situation in Life being liable to the calamities
 “ against which the wisdom and humanity of this So-
 “ ciety so carefully provide.”—Pages 8 and 9.

THE EDITOR beholds with inexpressible pleasure the increasing respectability and extensive influence of the HUMANE SOCIETY ; and ardently hopes, that he may be allowed to exult in the PERMANENCE of its establishment, when DIVINE WISDOM shall no longer permit him to be active in the diffusion of its blessings to the human race.—It may be observed, that our Annual Reports, though highly important in their views, necessarily preclude variety in their elucidations ; as the publication is intended rather to gladden the hearts of the beneficent, than to gratify the taste of the reader by flowing periods, or the charms of polished language.

FAVETE, ADESTE ÆQUO ANIMO, ET REM COGNOSCITE.



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ADDRESSED TO THE MANAGERS
OF THE
ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY.

GENTLEMEN,

IF THE PRESENT QUESTION, respecting the *Preservation* of SHIPWRECKED MARINERS, appears to you as important as it does to me, and others who have long deplored the *fatal disasters* that so frequently happen on our coasts, and that often force tears and lamentations even from those who are indifferent spectators, you will not hesitate to adopt it as a PRIZE QUESTION.—Wishing you success in all your benevolent undertakings for the preservation of human life.

A LIFE DIRECTOR.

PRIZE ESSAYS.

PRESERVATION OF THE LIVES
OF
SHIPWRECKED MARINERS.

January 15, 1798.

ANNUAL COURT OF DIRECTORS.

JOSEPH THOMPSON, Esq. in the Chair.

I. FOR THE BEST ESSAY on the means of preserving Mariners from Shipwreck, pointing out the most probable method of keeping the vessel afloat; and also of conveying assistance from shore to vessels in distress, within a moderate distance of land, and when boats dare not venture out to their aid,—TEN GUINEAS.

II. FOR THE SECOND ESSAY in point of merit,
FIVE GUINEAS.

REGULATIONS.

I. The Essays are to be transmitted to Dr. Hawes, Spital-square, on or before the third week in January, 1799, in a sealed packet; with some device on the outside, and within the name and designation of the author.

II. The determination of their merits will be vested in a Committee of the Court of Directors, and the Prizes shall be adjudged in the month of March.

III. The successful Essays will be published by the Society, and the others returned, on the application of the respective authors.

JOHN BEAUMONT, Register.

ODE THE FIRST.

TO SYMPATHY.

RECITED MARCH 28, 1797,

BEFORE THE

GOVERNORS AND FRIENDS
OF THIS INSTITUTION,

By WILLIAM WALTER GRETTON*,

PREVIOUS TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE
PROCESSION OF THE PERSONS RESTORED TO LIFE
BY THE EFFORTS OF THE HUMANE SOCIETY,
AND ITS MEDICAL ASSISTANTS.

WHETHER the NAIADS of the silver Stream
 Or the flow solemn CURFEW fill thy Theme ;
 Whether the Muse, inclin'd to youthful sport,
 Near learned ETION holds her transient Court,
 Or that her vivid Fancy gaily roves,
 Fann'd by the Zephyrs in th' Idalian Groves ;
 Or heart-struck Woe thy mighty Powers rehearse,
 As Pindar forms thy animated Verse ;
 Or, bending lowly at her dreaded Shrine,
 To stern ADVERSITY a Wreath you twine ;
 Sweet BARD †,—'twas SYMPATHY inspir'd each Strain,
 And warm'd thy Breast to feel for others Pain :
 Yet not to Thee alone the Boon was given,
 ALBION supreme enjoys this Gift from Heaven.
 Come then, fair Nymph, and bring with thee
 Thy train, O heaven-born SYMPATHY ;
 Bring PITY's anxious tear-fraught Eye,
 Bring MISERY's hopeless bursting Sigh,
 With SORROW at their Head ;

* The author's son, aged ten years.

† Thomas Gray, esq.

And, more this solemn Rite to grace,
 Let CHARITY adorn the Place,
 By HOPE and MERCY led.

Lo!—round thy Shrine HYGEIA's lambent Fires,
 Re-kindled, blaze! and Joy each breast inspires.

The lisping Infant's Voice with horror dwells
 On the dread Tale as tremblingly he tells,
 How erst, in heedless Guise, he sportive play'd,
 Near the dank Margin of the sedgey Glade:

Deep roll'd the fullen Flood, and strong
 The glaring Lightning flash'd around,
 Dismay'd he call'd; no friendly Sound
 Was heard the dreary Dells among.

Loud roar'd the Storm—in vain he cry'd,
 In vain the trackless Brink he try'd;
 Ingulph'd he falls! the Torrent's Prey,
 Shrouding in Death his early Day;

'Till thy fair Sister SCIENCE o'er his Bier
 Life's Roses shed, and sooth'd the sorrowing Tear.

Anxious their Sire's Return to greet,
 Forth from the Cottage hie
 The little Tribe, with nimble Feet,
 And Pleasure's beaming Eye.

Low sinks the Sun beneath the Hills,
 Pale Terror now their bosom chills!
 Crossing the Mead no Sire is seen,
 Nor on the Hamlet's distant Green:
 Now rising Mists obscure the Sight,
 And Darkness ushers in the Night.

Trembling and sad they Home return,
 And round their hapless Mother mourn:
 Deep in the noxious Mine their Father lies,

Seiz'd by the chilling Blast, he torpid sinks, and dies?
 Yet o'er his Grave no Trophies Death shall raise,
 Restor'd, he lives again! to join our Meed of Praise.

Hark!—near the Portals of this sacred Dome,
 What grateful Pæans from thy Vot'ries come!
 Arduous they throng, their fervent thanks to give,
 To thee,—whose Power Divine hath made them live:
 Wide fly the Portals of this sacred Dome,
 For, lo!—thy Vot'ries with their Off'rings come.



ODE THE SECOND.

TO SCIENCE.

RECITED BY JOHN PALMER, Esq.

OF THE THEATRE-ROYAL, DRURY-LANE,

AT THE CLOSE OF THE PROCESSION OF THE

PERSONS RESTORED TO LIFE.

THY Sons, O Earth! too long a hapless Prey,
 In Death's cold, premature, Embraces lay.
 By his fell shafts, Life's op'ning, roseate, Bloom,
 Transfix'd too early, deck'd the mould'ring Tomb.
 Too oft, as sporting on the buoyant Wave,
 His Mandate call'd him to a wat'ry Grave.

Fair HERO seeks the well-known Tow'r;

Anxious she counts each tardy Hour,

As Love his Vigil keeps:

Alas! her beauteous Eyes no more

Shall see LEANDER on the Shore:—

In Death's cold Urn he sleeps.

“His Fate be mine!” the frantic Virgin cried:
 Then, plunging, seeks him in the faithless Tide.—
 Clad in Grief's sable Stole, AMPHION sighs,
 While sorrowing NIOBE upbraids the Skies.
 These were his Triumphs—these his Trophies dire!
 'Till HAWES and SCIENCE rose to save Life's fleeting Fire.

Hail, SCIENCE! to thy mighty Pow'r

We consecrate this joyful Hour,

Teeming with Blessings giv'n!

Recall'd by thee to Health's warm Day,

To thee we dedicate this Lay:

Hail, Harbinger of Heav'n!

Death's fatal Dart 'tis thine to turn aside,
 And save the Victim doom'd to swell his Pride,
 By thee instructed and inspir'd,
 By thy bright Emanation fir'd,
 Safe from the Shades of Death, behold
 The Parent's joyful Arms enfold
 A Child their mutual Ardour calls to Life!
 The Glory, Bliss, and Solace, of their gen'rous Strife*.
 Impell'd by thee, Man boldly roves,
 Explores each System as it moves
 In great Creation's Scale:
 Nor Ocean's Depths, nor Caverns drear,
 Appal his Mind: Unaw'd by Fear †
 Dauntless he dares assail
 The foaming Surge, the storm-swol'n roaring Wave;
 Unmindful of his own, another's Life to save!
 Propitious, hear, ye Sisters bland,
 Deign long to bless this favour'd Land;
 Your genial Influence shed;
 Be 't thine, SWEET SYMPATHY, to arm
 Th' impressiv' Tear with ev'ry Charm
 Thy magic Lore can spread;
 Fair SCIENCE thine, to soothe Life's rugged Way;
 And guide Man's erring Mind by thy bright, soft'ning, Ray,
 So shall each new-revolving Year
 Expand his Soul, each Object clear,
 Now dimly seen or known;
 'Till, soaring to his native Sky,
 He views, with thy unerring Eye,
 Great NATURE's awful Throne:
 Where ORDER's powerful Arm her Laws sustain,
 And TRUTH's eternal Precepts ever reign!

* MASTER BALDOCK: For an account of whose miraculous Restoration after four hours perseverance, by the Efforts of his own Parents, see Dr. HAWES's Annual Report for the Anniversary, 1797.

† Sir EDWARD PELLEW, Bart. — AN illustrative narration of the philanthropic efforts of this truly good man, and brave naval officer;—by which not only the crew, but every other person on-board the Dutton East Indiaman, when wrecked on the 29th of January, 1796, were saved from IMMEDIATE impending death. The Honorary Medallion of this Institution was presented to Sir EDWARD PELLEW.—See p. 62 and 63 of the A. R. of the HUMANE SOCIETY for 1796; also p. 50 for 1797.



*AD CONSERVATIONEM VITÆ
OMNIA CONSILIA, FACTAQUE NOSTRA
DIRIGENDA SUNT.*

INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS.

“ ONE IMPORTANT OBJECT OF HUMANE SOCIETIES
“ has been the institution of inquiries into the nature of
“ LIFE, and the most rational and successful modes of
“ *restoring animation*.—That this has not been without
“ effect is evident from Dr. FOTHERGILL’s ingenious
“ *new inquiry* into the suspension of vital action*;
“ and the very *numerous assemblage* around the
“ LONDON HUMANE SOCIETY, of those who, but
“ for their judicious exertions, would have been numbered
“ with the dead, is a demonstration of the success of their
“ benevolent undertaking.” — Dr. FLEET’s *discourse*
delivered before the Massachusetts Humane Society, June 13,
1797,—p. 6.

TO THE TREASURER
OF THE
ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY.

Boston, November 29th, 1797.

“ SIR,

“ THE REV. DR. GREGORY’s ingenious Sermon on
“ Suicide, and the other publications which accompanied it,
“ were presented to the *Massachusetts Humane Society*.—As
“ a testimony of gratitude, though not as an equivalent for
“ your interesting communications, the TRUSTEES request
“ your acceptance of Dr. FLEET’s discourse on the subject
“ of Animation.—They feel a confidence that you will
“ approve all attempts in this quarter of the Globe to
“ illustrate a subject of the highest importance, and to
“ promote a cause which employs the understandings, and
“ interests the hearts of the best men in Europe.

“ JOHN CLARKE, Corr. Sec.”

* A New Inquiry into the Suspension of Vital Action, in cases of Drowning and Suffocation. Being an Attempt to concentrate into a more luminous point of View, the scattered Rays of Science, respecting that interesting though mysterious subject. To elucidate the Proximate Cause, to appretiate the present Remedies, and to point the best Method of Restoring Animation, by A. FOTHERGILL, M.D. F. R. S.

OUR INSTITUTION was established to avert one of the *greatest calamities* which can effect the happiness of domestic and social life;—nor can the welfare of the state be more effectually secured than by the preservation of the lives of the people.—It may likewise be observed, as a peculiar recommendation of a truly beneficent Society, that the MEDICAL ART has, in no instance, so materially added to its power of doing universal good, as since its attention has been directed by this HUMANE ESTABLISHMENT to the means of restoring Suspended Animation.

Previous to the year 1774, which is the origin of the Resuscitative art, and indeed constitutes a *remarkable era* in the science of Physic;—*Death apparent and absolute* had been considered for ages as synonymous terms;—the subjects of both states appear to have been alike consigned to the silent mansions of the tomb, without its being ever dreamt, that such a vast proportion of the *former* might have been recalled to life.—Of the truth of this important fact the REPORTS and TRANSACTIONS of the Society have afforded the most ample demonstration.—Little did any man think, not even the *Founders and Promoters* of this HUMANE INSTITUTION; That in the short period of 24 years, 3,352 cases by drowning, suspension, suffocation, &c. would have occurred.—That, in 1798, there should be recorded the immense number of TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY SEVEN of our fellow-creatures restored to Life, to their Families, to their Parents*, and to the State, by the assiduity, ability, and philanthropy, of our Medical Assistants, who at all times attend the apparently dead without fee or reward;

*“ Blest if their professional aid expiring souls could save
“ And snatch them from the premature untimely grave.”*

IN ANTIENT TIMES THE ROMAN LAWS DECREED,
A SURE REWARD FOR EV'RY MARTIAL DEED;
AND HE, WHO SAV'D ONE ROMAN LIFE—'TIS SAID
A CIVIC CROWN EMBRAC'D THE HERO'S HEAD.

* I have the felicity to present before you my only son restored to Life by your Society;—Suffer me,—First,—to express my heartfelt gratitude to the ARBITER of Life and Death;—next to the *Governors* of this excellent Institution.—May his advancing years be devoted to God's glory and thus become an ornament of your Humane Society.—The Rev. Mr. Crawford's Address at the Anniversary Festival, 1797.

What

What an exalted transport must it afford every compassionate breast, to be instrumental in recalling our helpless fellow-creatures from apparent death;—to witness the heartfelt passions of anguish and despair, of hope, surprise, and joy, which alternately agitate the human frame;—to mark the lively traits of gratitude, painted in the countenances of the mother, sisters, brothers, &c. of the restored object!—What epicure would ever yet boast so refined so exquisite a luxury as the benevolent deliverer from such a scene—a scene far beyond what any pen has yet been able to describe, or pencil to express!

No sooner had the HUMANE SOCIETY surmounted its first difficulties inseparable from so novel and unexpected a labour of love to mankind, than it not only fixed the attention of the faculty, but also attracted the notice of the *poet, painter, philosopher, and divine*.—By these successful and collateral aids, this Institution at length happily silenced all objections, surmounted former prejudices, and has diffused its Resuscitative benefits over a considerable part of the known world.—Dr. LETTSOM, in his address, on the presentation of the Society's Prize Medal to Dr. Fothergill for his ingenious Essay on the *Suspension of vital action*, observes,—“Those who can recal the commencement
“and origin of *this Institution*, and the state of knowledge
“at that time, and should survey the *present accumulation*,
“must experience singular pleasure in tracing the *progress*
“and *evolution* of SCIENCE as connected with the subject
“of the *resuscitative art*, much of which must be ascribed to
“the *valuable disquisitions* which have resulted from the
“HONORARY PREMIUMS of this Institution. I do not
“speak my *own opinion* merely, but that of *Europe*, for in
“almost every medical work of character, there are appeals
“to their judicious authorities as decisive of the facts,
“which they have established, enforced, and illustrated.”

THE ANCIENT GRECIANS, exposed in places of public resort, such of their sick as were afflicted with diseases, that the unhappy sufferers might avail themselves of the information of those who had noticed the cure of similar morbid states.—The practice of modern times, though analogous, is more wise and efficacious.—The establishment of Humane Societies has had a happy influence in calling forth the efforts of genius, and in diffusing their abundant fruits through the world.

The re-animation of bodies apparently dead is one of the most interesting discoveries of modern times.—The subject has commanded the exertions of the learned in almost every civilized nation.—Hence have originated societies for encouraging all persons, both by honorary and lucrative rewards, to attempt to rescue from destruction such as are ready to perish.—Happy Institution ! which, while it stimulates to physical research, addresses itself so powerfully to the love of fame, as to engage those selfish but influential passions in the cause of virtue, of science, and of humanity.

While this Institution is productive of inexpressible NATIONAL ADVANTAGES, by preserving the existence of those who are capable of rendering essential service to the state, and to society ; the happy events, which its records transmit to posterity, are also calculated to raise the most pleasing sensations and delightful emotions in the soul.—An ingenious writer has expressed himself on this engaging and interesting subject as follows :

AN
INTERESTING OBSERVATION
ON THE
RESTORATION OF LIFE.

“ Suppose yourselves then, my brethren, but for a few moments, in your evening walk of rural retirement, on the borders of a delightful stream, imagine your contemplations interrupted by a strange and uncommon appearance. At a little distance from you behold a busy bustling croud of industrious labourers encircling the body of their hapless companion, whom they have taken, at the hazard of their own lives, out of the neighbouring river, and dragged to the shore without life or motion.

“ Those who would most gladly take upon them the task are the most unable to perform it ;—They hang over him in silent anguish, take their last farewell in the agonies of despair, and consign him to the grave !!!

“ As soon as the Medical Assistant hears of the event, he flies, like the good Samaritan, to the chambers of sorrow ; and applies with zeal and alacrity the most proper means to re-animate.—DEATH, yet unwilling to relinquish his devoted prey, seems to smile, as it were, at the ineffectual labour ; till at length subdued by *fortitude* and *perseverance* he gives up the contest.—Nature resumes her suspended powers, and exerts her enlivening influence.

“ A ray of hope breaks in upon the gloom, and lights up every countenance. Behold, at last, again HE MOVES, HE BREATHES, HE LIVES. What follows is not within the power of language to describe; imagination alone can suggest to beneficent minds the delightful scene of wonder and astonishment, of mutual joy, transport, and felicity.”

SINCE, THEN, THIS USEFUL BRANCH of medical knowledge has made so late an appearance in the world,—it is incumbent on those who live at the period of its discovery, to endeavour, by a diligent investigation of the interesting subject, to retrieve as far as possible, the time which has been lost, through the neglect of former ages, and to explore assiduously those regions of science, where they will not find their labours anticipated.

IN ORDER TO EXCITE AN EARNEST ATTENTION TO THE APPARENTLY DEAD, it may be proper to observe, that, since the establishment of the HUMANE SOCIETY, MORE THAN TWO THIRDS of those, who a few years ago would have been interred as *inanimate corpes*, are now restored to their joyful relations and friends! AMONG THESE many were *industrious heads of numerous families*, who would have become a parochial charge, had not their lives been thus happily preserved!—MANY were *heedless infants*, wandering from their parents, who, but for this institution, would never have returned!—OTHERS were *Suicides*, rushing into eternity in a state of mind the most unfit to appear before the tribunal of their Judge*.

The Rev. Dr. GREGORY, in his ingenious Discourse on SUICIDE, observes:

To contribute to the liberal support of this Institution is a duty imperiously demanded by every Christian motive.

*You owe it TO YOURSELVES ;
you owe it to YOUR COUNTRY ;
you owe it to your NEIGHBOUR ;
your owe it TO YOUR GOD !—*

Anniversary Sermon, 1797.

* “ SELF-MURDER!—dreadful deed!—our *island's shame* :

“ That makes her the *reproach* of neighbouring states.

“ Shall NATURE, swerving from her earliest dictates,

“ *Self-preservation*, fall by her own act ?

“ Forbid it Heaven !—

“ ——— Dreadful attempt !

“ Just reeking from *self-slaughter*, in a rage to

“ *Rush into the presence of our Judge !*”

MEMBERS DECEASED.

“ ALL THEIR PARTS,
 “ THEIR VIRTUES ALL, COLLECTED, SOUGHT THE GOOD
 “ OF HUMAN KIND.” THOMSON.

IT IS WITH EXTREME REGRET, and the deepest concern, the EDITOR acquaints the friends of this Institution, that PROVIDENCE, in its infinite and unerring wisdom, has been pleased to remove from us, since the last publication, many of its most respectable members, who, being of an enlarged and scientific turn of mind, became *Governors* of the HUMANE SOCIETY, from the fullest conviction of its usefulness to the world, and during their lives from the same conviction were its warmest advocates.

When such characters as the Reverend Dr. FARMER, the Rev. Dr. JACKSON, PETIT ANDREWS, Esq. G. KEATES, Esq. J. MARATT, Esq; T. CALVERLY, Esq. J. HEYLYN, Esq. JOHN BROWN, Esq. and FRANCIS KEMBLE, Esq.—are taken from the world, society sustains a shock,—the effect of which must be sensibly felt by an Institution philanthropic, nationally useful as ours, of which they were most valuable and distinguished ornaments.

They are no more, but it is only their mortal remains that shall perish.—The perusal of their valuable works, and the recital of their beneficent actions often repeated, shall charm from age to age, the leisure hours of philosophers and the friends of mankind.

THE EDITOR has likewise to add the loss which the Society has more recently sustained by the death of Mr. DEPUTY WITHERBY, a man of the most amiable manners, whose ardour for the prosperity of this Institution will ever be remembered with gratitude by its active friends. At every meeting of the Managers he proposed and frequently obtained somewhat either advantageous or honourable to its views.

This mark of respect to the memory of the exalted characters, which have been mentioned is a tribute due from the Society, and which by none can be paid with greater alacrity than by the Editor himself.

“ MULTIS ILLI BONIS FLEBILES OCCIDUNT,
 “ NULLI FLEBILIORES QUAM MIHI.”

HE CONCLUDES by observing, that the loss of so many valuable members to the HUMANE SOCIETY, within the short compass of a few months, can only be repaired by the increased ardour of its surviving friends.—The Editor hopes that in the Annual Report of 1799, he shall have to represent to the Public circumstances of a more pleasing kind, and which may tend to the permanent prosperity of this Institution.

INTRODUCTION

TO

Dr. STRUVE'S

PHILANTHROPIC AND LEARNED ADDRESS.

IT MUST BE HIGHLY PLEASING AND GRATIFYING TO THE PHILANTHROPIC READER, TO BE INFORMED, THAT THE FAME AND UTILITY OF THIS INSTITUTION IS NO LONGER CONFINED WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THIS ISLAND.—THAT THE MOST LEARNED SOCIETIES, AND THE MOST INGENIOUS MEN, ON THE CONTINENT, ARE AT ALL TIMES WILLING TO PAY OUR HUMANE SOCIETY THE TRIBUTE OF PRAISE DUE TO SCIENCE, SUPPORTED BY ALL THE DIGNIFIED VIRTUES OF HUMANITY AND BENEFICENCE.—EDITOR.

ADDRESSED TO THE COURT OF DIRECTORS.

AMPLISSIMI, DOCTISSIMI,
ÆQUE AC CELEBERRIMI VIRI.

Maximopere lætus munere vestro præstantissimo, ita ut, quantum in me est, vobis maximas gratias debeam, quòd Tabellas meas de curandis apparenter mortuis, submersis alioque modo suffocatis, vel canis rabidi morsu violatis, tam benevole suscepistis; ac iis, quæ de his a me proposita sunt, operam dedistis: nec minus gratum est mihi, transmissis vestris scriptis egregiis, quæ vocantur, The Transactions of the Royal Humane Society. Vol. I. Reports, &c. largam suppeditatam esse occasionem vestrum institutum humanissimum cognitum habendi, vel quæ ad salutem humanam magna inauditaque vestro opere perfecta sunt atque egregie gesta admirandi.

Qua humanitate vestra fretus, non modo Tabellas a me conceptas de vita apparenter mortuorum revocanda, ac de canis rabidi morsu violatis curandis, sed illas quoque nuper a me editas ad rem obstetriciam, ad tuendos curandosque infantes, ad variolas optime tractandas spectantes, vobis trado atque propono; quas eadem benignitate et benevolentia accipiat is enixissime rogo, qua ante annum primum hujus rei Tentamen vestra opera non indignum putastis.—Nec hoc grati animi testimonio sufficit. sed etiam libellum recentissimum a me editum de arte apparenter mortuos in vitam revocandi, seu Essay on the Resuscitative Art, vestræ Societati Humanissimæ dico atque trado, quo simul civibus meis documentum publicum proposui, quanti vestrum munus carum habeo quantique æstimo.

Illud quidem maxime doleo libellum jam bibliopolæ traditum esse, cum vestra scripta, Transactions imprimis, in manus venirent, quæ mihi largam materiam ad perficiendum opus dedissent; sed tamen
perspicuum

perspicuum erit ex his, quæcunque sunt, a me propositis, me de arte resuscitatoria per plures annos omnem operam novasse, ac præ omnibus propagandum apparenter mortuos in vitam revocandi studium curæ cordique fuisse.

Quod cum in vita nihil mea interest magis quam hominum salutem vitamque conservandi amissamque restituendi, quod princeps est medici veri officium, vestrum institutum eundem scopum sibi proponentem toto animo complector, necnon vestræ Societati de tot mille hominum vita è morte proxima erepta gratulor.

Primum igitur esse puto vestra scripta egregia de hac re per Germaniam divulgari, quam ob causam de translatione in linguam Germanicam.

Transactionum occupatus igitur vos enixissime rogo, ut et secundum huius operis volumen simul ac luci publicæ expositum erit, dono dare velitis, vestrum denique erit opus, vestra gloria summa, si his scriptis cives mei alliciti, vestras exercitationes in arte vitam apparenter mortuorum restituendi immitentur.

Nec minus libellos a me conscriptos miscellaneos in usum studiosorum artis medicæ vobis trado eam ob causam, quod in parte secunda, p. 15—83, continetur longa series apparenter mortuorum vitæ redditorum in Lusatia provincia Saxonie ab anno 1772—usque ad 1795, inter quorum numerum XXXVI submersorum in vitam restitutorum referuntur. Sed, quod felix faustumque sit, ex eo quo tabulas de vita dubia restituenda luci publica exposui, multo magis quam superioribus sæculis de apparenter mortuis curandis intentum esse per Lusatiam quidem gaudeo, ita ut per annum 1796, duodecim hominum morti proximorum propinquis parentibus, patriæ redditi sint, inter quos XI submersi, I frigere pressus. Alio loco forsan singula memoratu digna de his referre propositum est.

Quod vero nihil humani a Vobis alienum putastis, testes sunt scripta vestra egregia quæ in manu habeo, ex quibus institutum vestrum omnia quæ ad hominum vitam conservandam ac restituendam per omnem terrarum orbem aguntur, complecti apparet; quid? quod alienos vestræ Societati amplissima participes esse voluistis inter quos, quod maxime lætor, illud summum humanitatis præmium amplissimumque honos Germanis, Vinzens Zardæ, Professori Pragensi, et Boronessæ de Munderbach, tributum est, quod vita hominum saluti consecrata dignum; mihi quidem nihil amplius præstantiusque contingere posse videretur, me aliquando dignum fore hoc munere atque summa dignitate,

Amplissimi. Doctissimique,
æque ac Celeberrimi Viri,
Vestri

Gonlitz, in Lusatia,
Mense Junii, 1797.

Cultor obsequiosissimus,
CHRISTIAN AUGUST. STRUVE.

TRANSLATION.

MOST NOBLE, MOST LEARNED, AS WELL AS
MOST CELEBRATED MEN.

I feel a peculiar pleasure at the receipt of your very valuable present, and am under the highest obligations, that you have so kindly accepted my tablets concerning the management of the apparently dead, the drowned, those who are suffocated in any other way, or those who are injured by the bite of a mad dog; and that you have attended to those subjects which have been proposed by me. I am likewise highly gratified at the receipt of your excellent writings, intituled the Transactions of the Royal Humane Society, Vol. I. which have afforded me the noblest opportunity of understanding your most humane Institution, and of admitting the singular and unheard-of restorations effected by your means.

RELYING UPON YOUR KINDNESS, I not only transmit to you my tablets concerning the recovery of the apparently dead, and those who are injured by the bite of a mad dog, but what has been lately published by me relative to midwifery and the protection and management of infants, the best mode of treating the small-pox, and earnestly desire you to accept them with the same kindness and benevolence which you thought the year before, the first attempt upon this subject not unworthy of your attention.

NOR DO I CONSIDER THIS as a sufficient testimony of my gratitude, but I likewise dedicate and present to your very Humane Society, a little book lately published by me, intituled, *an Essay on the Resuscitative Art*, which I have exhibited as a proof to my countrymen in what estimation I hold your present.

I AM VERY MUCH CONCERNED, that my book was published when your writings, particularly the *Transactions*, came into my hands, which would have afforded me ample materials for the completion of my work; but what I have done will evince, that for many years I have paid great attention to the Resuscitative Art, and have exerted all my efforts to propagate the study of recalling the apparently dead to life.

SINCE THERE IS NOTHING DEARER TO ME than the preservation and restoration of human life, which is the peculiar duty of a true Physician, I embrace with my whole heart your Institution, which has the same grand object in view, and congratulate your Society upon the recovery of so many persons from the perils of death.

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THEREFORE

THEREFORE I THINK it a point of infinite importance, that your excellent writings upon this subject should be published throughout Germany; for which reason, being now engaged in the translation of the *Transactions* into the German language, I earnestly request you to present me with the second volume of this work, as soon as it is published; it will finally be your deed, your greatest glory, if my countrymen, attracted by these philanthropic writings, should imitate your labours in the art of restoring the apparently dead to life.

I PRESENT YOU with my miscellaneous books written for the use of medical students, because in the 22d part there is a long series of the recovery of the apparently dead, in Lusatia, the province of Saxony, from the year 1772 to 1795, in which is related the recovery of 36 persons from drowning. But what I consider as a good omen, since the time that I published *the tablets* concerning the restoration of life; I rejoice that throughout Lusatia a greater attention than in former periods has been paid to the treatment of the apparently dead, so that, from the year 1796, twelve men were restored to their parents and friends, and to their country, among whom *eleven* were apparently drowned, and *one* frozen. In another place, perhaps, I shall relate what deserves to be regarded more particularly.

YOUR EXCELLENT WRITINGS, which I have in my possession, are a proof that you cherish every principle of humanity, and that your Institution embraces every thing that can be done throughout the world for the preservation and restoration of human life.—What shall I say besides? that you are willing that *foreigners* should be members of your most excellent Society, among whom I rejoice that the greatest reward of humanity, an honour to Germans, has been conferred upon Vincens Zarda Professor at Prague, and Baroness Mudersbach, a reward worthy of a life consecrated to the health of mankind. I should deem it the utmost object of my ambition to be hereafter worthy of this reward, this particular distinction.

I am, most learned, and most celebrated men,

Your most humble Servant,

CHRISTIAN AUGUST. STRUVE.

Gonlitz, in Lusatia,

June, 1797.

EXTRACT
 FROM THE PREFACE OF AN
 ESSAY ON THE ART OF RESUSCITATING THE
 APPARENTLY DEAD,
 AND
 OBVIATING THE DANGERS OF SUDDEN DEATH.
 By CHRISTIAN AUGUSTUS STRUVE, M. D.

“ SOME READERS MAY ENQUIRE THE MOTIVES which have induced the author to dedicate this work to a foreign Institution: He is free to confess they are no other than Esteem and Gratitude.

“ THE ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY of London have recently honoured the author with the gift of their collected writings, and accompanied their valuable presents with the assurance that his publications on an interesting subject peculiarly their study and care, as they had appeared to merit, had received their unanimous approbation.—Duly sensible of the high value of such a suffrage from so distinguished a body, he seizes the opportunity of offering them the homage of his respect; not as a testimonial of their worth, but of his veneration and gratitude.

“ CHRISTIAN AUGUSTUS STRUVE.

“ Gonnitz, Feb. 1797.”

Farther Extract from the same Work.

Quid refert, utrùm anima denuo in artus relictos divinitus reponatur, an penitus in corpore sepulta morbiqve victoris appressa viribus, arte, curâqve medici suscitetur atque eliciatur, jamque certo migratura retineatur? An non pene paria sunt mortuum restituere et mox moriturum servare, ejusqve animam in corporis latibulis delitescentem ab ipso limine mortis revocare?

VICTOR TIRAQUELL.

Though to re-instate life in its deserted mansion by miraculous and divine agency may surpass in greatness and power, does it exceed, in efficacy and use, the relieving and extricating, by medical care and skill, the vital principle, when buried in the recesses of the body under the oppression of incumbered disease, and retaining it when on the point of abandoning for ever its violated habitation? In what is it greater to restore from certain and entire death, than to preserve from instant decease, and recall the soul into its abode, when it already touches the confines of mortality.

VICTOR TIRAQUELL.

In taking a retrospect of the history of Physic, as far as it may be traced into antiquity, we find, in the annals of Egypt, Greece, and Italy, many instances of the restoration of life to those, whom it had appeared utterly to have abandoned. We see among all these illustrious nations the high regard in which the arts of medicine were held, and their care and solicitude for the preservation of human life are every where apparent. But we discover no vestiges of any regular system, or any public regulations for the giving a new impulse to animation, when its course was arrested, and its functions suspended by those unfortunate casualties, which must have been common in those and every other period of human existence.

In the middle ages, when all the sciences were entombed in the darkness of barbarism, superstition, and ignorance, that of medicine was involved in the general ruin, and we lose all sight of attention, either in public acts or individual studies, to preserve from final death those unhappy persons, in whom the vital principle was suppressed without being extinguished.



E X T R A C T
FROM THE
MEDICAL MISCELLANIES
OF
CHRISTIAN AUGUSTUS STRUVE,
PHYSICIAN AT GONLITZ,
AND
MEMBER OF THE OECONOMICAL SOCIETY
OF LEIPSICK,
OF THE SWISS SOCIETY OF
CORRESPONDING PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS,
AND OF THE
SOCIETY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
IN UPPER LUSATIA.

IT is among the highest honours of the present age, that the attention of man has been directed to the means of restoring animation, where it has been interrupted, with an ardour and liberality unknown in any former period. It is not one of the least glories of the English nation, that the talents of individuals, and the munificence of the people have gone farther toward the perfection of the art in its theory and the facilitation of its practice, than has been performed or even attempted by any other nation. Much indeed remains to be effected there, but elsewhere, I may say, almost every thing. Not only the measures to be used in rekindling the flame of life are insufficiently promulgated among the people: but they are not encouraged to the attempt by information of its practicability.—*Superstitious awe* of contending with what appears the arm of Providence, and ignorance of the applications and expedients, by which the fatal effects of casualty may often be counteracted, have, in innumerable instances, turned the *slumber of insensibility into the torpor of death*: but, in addition to these wretched victims of prejudice and delusion, multitudes have perished from the precipitate conclusion of persons, uninstructed in the frequency of artificial resuscitation, that vitality cannot exist in that total absence of its signs, which occurs even in common cases of Suspended Animation.

IT IS GENERALLY INTO THE HANDS OF THE VULGAR the unhappy objects first fall, in whom the natural operation of infirmity or disorder, or the more violent and sudden influence of accident, has at all times produced a *temporary privation* of the functions and indications of life.—It is therefore to the populace we should principally address ourselves, to prevent these privations being rendered fatally irretrievable, and finally error or inattention.

THE ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY OF LONDON, with a precaution highly laudable, publishes, in its ANNUAL REPORTS, an account of all the instances, in which the *benevolent purposes* of its institution have been attained; thus not only satisfying the nation of the utility of its efforts, but, by the display of its successes, animating individuals to support its views, and employ even in the most desperate cases the measures it recommends. With us these instances are buried in the obscurity of neglect, and so are prevented from propagating themselves with that extent and rapidity, that must attend their fair promulgation. They should be brought forward to the view of all conditions and ages:—CHILDREN among the first rudiments of their civil duties should be deeply impressed with a vivid sense of the importance and facility of restoring Suspended Animation.—ADULTS also should be informed of the modes of treatment to be employed in the respective exigences, and of the instances in which they have been practised with success.

TO CONTRIBUTE SOMETHING toward this salutary plan, I have collected all the cases I could verify of animation being restored, where it had been suspended, in the confined district of Upper Lusatia, within a period of about 22 years, from 1772 to 1794. These, amounting to thirty-six, are all the instances of which I could procure precise and authentic intelligence: more have doubtless occurred: yet surely in so limited and contracted a circle to have restored even this number of persons to the service of society, to the enjoyment of life, to the affections of their friends, to the love of their families, is sufficient to invest with importance the *science of resuscitation*, to call to its prosecution and accomplishment the attention of the learned and the assistance of the opulent;—to exalt in the estimation of the world the enlightened and generous nation, which has been the cradle and, I may almost say, the womb of this admirable art, &c. &c.

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There is no circumstance, perhaps, in which we may more justly applaud the age, in which fate has placed us, than in the attention it has given to this momentous subject, and we may boast, that it has not only been first pervaded with an awful sense of its importance, but that it has elucidated and promoted it with a rigour and ability, which have carried the *science of resuscitation* a greater length toward its completion than it had previously advanced in several thousand years.—An improved sense of morals, a deeper insight into, and wider survey of, the powers of the medical art, a more philosophic and humane desire to convert them to the benefit of man, and a more liberal spirit in all conditions to promote his common interests, have concurred to render *the detention of the lingering principle of life* a theme of general study and universal solicitude.—The subject has been diligently explored, its principles have been accurately investigated, its practice erected upon general and attentive reflection, as well as sound reasoning, and confirmed by appropriate experiments.—Societies have been formed to perfect its theory and facilitate its application in the most remote parts of the world.—Of these the ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY holds the first rank for the extent of its views and the magnificence of its plan, for the diligence and skill of some members and the liberality of all.

WITH THE EXCELLENT REGULATIONS of this noble establishment, which may serve as a chart for every other to proceed by, we have never yet in this country (Germany) been made sufficiently acquainted. Archenholz, Schubart, and Michaelis, have indeed presented the publick with some partial accounts of its form and history. But we are yet ignorant of the detail both of its structure and transactions. The learned Michaelis promised a translation of the Annual Reports of the Society; an engagement we have to regret he has not yet fulfilled.—I must be allowed to derive a singular pleasure from an honour recently conferred on me by this respectable body, as it enables me to gratify the curiosity of my country and excite and direct its generous emulation, by an accurate and authentic statement of the plan of this *excellent foundation, of its proceedings and its successes*.—I have lately received from the society itself, in reward and encouragement of my labours in that cause of humanity to which all its efforts are directed, a present of the first volume of its Transactions from 1774 to 1784, with an Appendix, carrying them to 1794, by W. HAWES, M. D.

DR. STRUVE'S TABLETS.

- 1.—*On neglect in cases of Sudden Death.*
- 2.—*An Attempt to restore Persons apparently dead to Life, and the best Methods to be taken in the sudden danger of death.*
- 3.—*How to diminish the fatality of the Small-Pox.*
- 4.—*On Midwifery and the Management of Infants.*
- 5.—*The Bite of a Mad Dog.*

ANNUAL COURT OF DIRECTORS.

MR. ALDERMAN BOYDELL, V. P. in the Chair.

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES.

Dr. HAWES read a letter from Dr. Struve, of Gonlitz, the author of several valuable publications concerning the recovery of the apparently dead, &c. ; and particularly one on the Resuscitative art, inscribed to the Society.

Resolved unanimously. That the Honorary Medallion be presented to Dr. STRUVE, as the premium merited for his ingenious publication *De Arte RESUSCITATIVA*;—and that he be enrolled in the list of its Honorary Members.

Exergue.

LATEAT SCINTILLULA FORSAN.

Round the Medal.

OB ERUDITUM TANTAMEN REVOCANDIS AD VITAM
APPARENTER MORTUIS.

Within the Civic Wreath.

Dr. STRUVE

REGIA HUMANA SOCIETAS

Dono Dat.

1797.

THE SENTIMENTS OF HORACE are enforced in the strongest manner by the *philanthropic labours* of Dr. STRUVE, when we consider his assiduous and persevering efforts for the cure and prevention of the most obstinate diseases, the preservation of health, or the restoration of life—His *ingenious Tablets* and *valuable publications* tend most effectually to forward and facilitate these important views.—May such invaluable members of Society enjoy uninterrupted health, attended with long life!—And when it shall please the Supreme Arbiter of our destiny to remove them from this infancy of existence, the labours of such men as Dr. STRUVE will immortalize their name:

ILLUM AGET PENNA METUENTE SOLVI
FAMA SUPERSTES.

CHARACTERISTIC BANNERS.

ANNIVERSARY PROCESSION.

REV. W. JAMES FRENCH.

*Hark as those lips once more begin to move,
What sounds ascend of Gratitude and Love !
Now with the Great Redeemer's praise they glow,
Then bless the agents of his pow'r below ;
O'eraw'd and wondering at themselves they see,
And feel the pow'r of soft Humanity.*

REV. J. BUTLER SANDERS.

*" He moves ! He breathes ! He lives."
Th' attendant croud are filled with strange surprize,
Commixing passions glisten in their eyes !
The aged pair—so full their bliss is giv'n,
Can't speak their joys but weep their thanks to Heav'n.*

MR. DEPUTY BLAXLAND.

*Perseverance for four hours providentially
Restored my Son to LIFE *.*

*" Death may usurp on Nature many hours ;
And yet the fire of life kindle again
" The o'erprest spirits." Shakespeare.*

MR. DEPUTY BULLCOCK.

*This boy will probably live to be the father of a family,
and that family be the Parents of others,
and so on whilst the Almighty suffers this world to exist.*

JOHN GRETTON, ESQ.

*He's found !—but ah ! when anxious drawn to shore,
The mother, breathless ! views her child, no more !
Eager to save each panting bosom burns ;
Life half departed, beckon'd, and returns !
What rapturous bliss the eager mind receives,
When parent extacy exclaims—" He LIVES !"*

GEORGE EVANS, ESQ.

*Soft smiled the bloom of health on those little cheeks
which had been saddened by the semblance of Death ;
and they, who had been formerly lamented as lost,
were again restored to their affectionate relations,
to swell the awful triumph of this Glorious day.*

W. C. CLARKSON, ESQ.

*THE RE-ANIMATION of bodies apparently dead
is one of the most interesting discoveries of modern times.
The subject commands the exertions of the Learned and Philanthropic
in almost every civilized Nation.*

* Master Baldock.—See A. R. p. 34.—1796.

COUNT RUMFORD.

*“ Non fascēs, non divitias, non ingenium,
sed animum communi utilitati inservientem,
dignitas sequitur.”*

HEAT AND LIGHT.

COUNT RUMFORD has made a liberal donation of the interest of *One Thousand Pounds* in the 3 per Cents. to the ROYAL SOCIETY for the purpose of instituting a *Biennial Prize Medal*.—The collected interest for two years to be laid out on *two Medals*, one of *gold*, and the other of *silver*, as Honorary premiums to the authors of the most important discoveries made, during the two preceding years, on *heat* and *light*.—The President and Council are to decide on the merits of the respective Candidates.

Dr. HAWES views with inexpressible pleasure the above generous donations of this great and benevolent character; the subjects proposed open a wide field for the contemplation of ingenious Philosophers.—HEAT and LIGHT are of singular importance; the former may ultimately tend to improve the *Resuscitative Process*, and be productive of saving the lives of many individuals; as it is acknowledged by the Faculty, that *Heat* is one of the most powerful auxiliaries in the restoration of the apparently dead.—

“ By HEAT, the VIS VITALIS is preserved;—

“ when diminished, it is increased;—

“ and when suspended, in a great number of instances,

“ LIFE has been RESTORED.”

Annual Report, Royal Humane Society, p. 8.—1796.

HONORARY MEDALLIONS.

“ THE MEDAL, FAITHFUL TO ITS CHARGE OF FAME,

“ THRO’ CLIMES AND AGES BEARS EACH FORM AND NAME:

“ IN ONE SHORT VIEW SUBJECTED TO OUR EYE,

“ GODS, CONQ’RORS, HEROES, SAGES, BEAUTIES, LIE.”

Pope’s Epist. to Addison.

HUMANE SOCIETIES.

LANCASHIRE HUMANE SOCIETY.

THE DIRECTORS observe with concern, that though, from the increasing utility of this useful and valuable charity, its disbursements have been proportionably greater, therefore its funds have been diminished.—They therefore recommended it to the benevolent and humane throughout the county to promote its support and extension.—The Directors request that the clergy, in their respective parishes, would cause to be framed, hung up, and preserved in their churches, the large printed sheet of the directions for recovering persons apparently drowned, &c.; and it is recommended to all masters of vessels, on the rivers and canals, to keep one or more copies of these directions in their respective boats.

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS.

AT MANCHESTER.

C. WHITE, Esq.	Mr. BRIGHAM.
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Mr. GUEST.	Dr. ORMEROD.
Mr. BRENNAND,	

* * It appears that there are upwards of *Ninety Stations* in Manchester and other parts of the county, where the sets of *Apparatus, Drags, Notice-boards, &c.* belonging to the Society, are established; and that twenty-seven gentlemen of the faculty regularly tender their gratuitous assistance to promote the beneficent views of this Institution.

NORWICH HUMANE SOCIETY.

This benevolent Institution has restored 18 persons who were apparently drowned, and saved more than a hundred who were in imminent danger of suffocation;—whilst by an extensive distribution of directions, and the encouragement they give to those who exert themselves in such cases, they may very probably have saved the lives of many others.—The DIRECTORS earnestly recommend to those who wish to be informed how they may assist a neighbour, or possibly one of their own family or dearest connections, at times of the most sudden distress, to furnish themselves with the Resuscitative Process.

SEVERN HUMANE SOCIETY.

AT THE GENERAL MEETING of the Directors this year, the HONORARY IMPRESSIONS were voted to the following medical gentlemen, for having restored suspended vitality:

1.—To Dr. STEPHEN, of Bristol, for the recovery of R. Chambers, a child aged four years, who, being run over by a hackney-coach, *was taken up for dead*, and remained *apparently lifeless* upwards of fifteen minutes*.

2.—To Mr. W. M. YEO, of Bristol, for his assiduous and successful employment of the resuscitative art in several cases of SUSPENDED ANIMATION, but particularly in that of *Edward Smart*.

3.—ALSO TO Mr. FEWSTER, of Thornbury, for his success in the remarkable case of Hannah Workman, whose vital functions were suspended for a considerable length of time, by submerision in a well.

THE EDITOR OF THIS REPORT with extreme regret declares, that *thousands* have been committed to the grave without attempts to re-animate!—therefore the *Practice of Resuscitation* must be considered as forming a *new æra* in the science of medicine, and merits the encouragement and support of every Philanthropist.—Dr. FOTHERGILL, of Bath, observes:—"Not long ago, any attempts to recover persons apparently dead would have been ridiculed as not only visionary but absurd; and the authentic facts, which the HUMANE SOCIETIES of late years have presented to the astonished world, would in former ages have been considered as supernatural, and passed for miracles,"—*Hints on Animation addressed to Dr. Hawes.*

* I apprehend it would be of much benefit to the public, if it were more generally known, that *Life may often be restored*, when it has been suddenly and apparently destroyed by accidents of this kind, as well as from those of drowning, hanging, or suffocation.

PUBLIC CAUTIONS.

I.—SUFFOCATION.

PERSONS on entering cellars, in which vinous or other liquors are fermenting,—if become giddy, must instantly return into the open air.—When long-closed vaults, wells, &c. are opened, the noxious air must be dispersed by throwing down several pails of water, &c.

2.—MINES, VATS, &c.

If a lighted candle burns dim or is extinguished, no one, if life is attended to or regarded, must descend into such caverns or vessels;—*this easy experiment* is an indisputable proof of the existence of *mephitic damps*, which have too often extinguished the lamp of vitality.

3.—LIGHTNING.

Never stand near to leaden spouts, iron gates, rails, rivers, brooks, or trees.—The *open air* and *covered carriages* are safe and certain protections, provided persons set in a coach, &c. the distance of some inches from the sider.

A DAY-LABOURER was lately struck by lightning, with a scythe in his hand; a heavy fall of rain and hail ensued; the effects were such, that in the course of an hour languid life returned.—He was taken home and perfectly restored.

It is possible that NATURE has taken *this medium* of pointing out a new remedy for persons apparently killed by lightning.—It also evinces how dangerous it is to carry any thing of an *electric nature* in a storm*.

4.—LIME-KILNS.

Beware of lying down close or near brick or lime kilns whilst burning; as the fumes arising from these bring on great drowsiness, which, if not shaken off, ends in deep sleep, and soon after in death.

5.—ARSENIC.

CHEMISTS, &c. are requested not to suffer so dangerous a substance to be sold in their shops, unless two or more creditable persons shall accompany the buyer, and testify the purpose for which it is designed.

* July 15. This morning, a boat with six men coming to Fedaland were overtaken by the most violent thunder and lightning.—The men's boots were burnt.—Two of them were struck seemingly dead:—they all remained in a state of stupefaction for some time after they were taken ashore.—The *apparently dead* by an assiduous perseverance were providentially restored to life by the *London Humane Society's plan*.—The others in a few hours, by the judicious assistance of the surgeons, were recalled to sensibility, &c.; and in a few days all the men were perfectly restored.

CAPITAL BREWERIES

AND

DISTILLERIES.

OCCIDIT, QUI NON SERVAT.

THE PROPRIETORS are earnestly requested to attend to an advice, which appears to be calculated for their own good, the preservation of their men, and therefore its views will be ultimately beneficial to the public.

MEN imprudently go down into *large vats*, &c. that have been emptied of fermented liquors, and often suppose it safe to venture to attempt to clean the bottom of such vessels; but the Editor hopes it will be remembered that this is never to be attempted, unless the blaze of a candle let down continues to burn clear;—in order with certainty to secure the lives of such labourers, it is advisable to let down to the bottom *an iron pot with some quick lime*, pouring *boiling water* on it, which will instantly set loose an abundance of air, which will mix with and drive out destructive and deleterious vapours.

TURN-UP BEDSTEADS

ABOLISHED.

INQUISITION.

“ On the 14th of Jan. 1797, an inquisition was taken
“ before William Reynolds, esq. Coroner at Stebbing, on
“ the body of Mary Whitehead, an infant about nine
“ weeks old.—The infant had been lain down to sleep in
“ a *turn-up bed*, and the maid, going up stairs to sweep
“ the room, turned the bed up, not knowing nor thinking
“ the child was therein, and it was some time before the
“ circumstance was recollected;—and upon letting down
“ the bed, the infant was unfortunately dead; the jury
“ brought in their verdict *Accidental Death*.”

INFANT LIFE.

. It is an unfortunate and melancholy truth, that *turn-up bedsteads* have proved the premature death of an immense number of young children.—The Editor therefore earnestly hopes that the Faculty will aid his well-meant endeavours to prevent their being in future a part of the household furniture. — *Infant life* has been too often sacrificed by such beds being thoughtlessly turned up, and therefore upon every principle of sound policy, true humanity, and parental affection. they should be disused.

MR. BLISS,
MEDICAL ASSISTANT,
 TO
DR. HAWES.

Two unfortunate lads having been drowned in one of the ponds on our heath on Sunday last, is the cause of my troubling you with this.

The ponds about here are made for the useful purpose of collecting water from some several springs to supply Kentish and Camden Towns, Tottenham Court Road, &c. —To contain a large quantity, their form is conical, and their depth so great, that it is with extreme difficulty drowned bodies can be got out of them.

Out of eight cases of drowning that have happened in my recollection, the shortest period it took to get either out was *three quarters of an hour*, too long an interval to give the least chance to the resuscitative process.—So circumstanced, would it not be in a great degree fulfilling the benevolent intentions of the Society to have *notice-boards* put up near these dangerous ponds pointing out the great danger of bathing there?—I know your philanthropy too well to make apologies for this trouble.

HAMPSTEAD AQUEDUCT OFFICE.

The COMMITTEE for conducting the affairs of this company perfectly acquiesce with the *Humane Society's* request, to erect NOTICES at the *Hampstead Ponds*, so as to caution all persons against bathing in them, &c.

PUBLIC CAUTIONS.

- * * * " BATHING in this Pond
- " has proved fatal to several persons.—
- " The Managers of the Humane Society
- " earnestly request
- " that no one will attempt it in future *."

THE PRESERVATION OF LIFE has at all times been the grand pursuit of this Institution; so that, when any information has been received of dangerous spots in the New River, or ponds;—CAUTION BOARDS have been affixed at *London-Bridge*, *Lee*, and *New River*, to prevent Boys, &c. bathing.—The MANAGERS likewise have caused iron spikes to be fixed at the four corners of *Black-Friars-Bridge* with the same beneficent views.

* *Notice Boards have been put up at all the dangerous Ponds of Hampstead.*

BRITISH

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BRITISH FACTORY.

St. Petersburg, Feb 27, 1797.

SIR,

I ADDRESS YOU as Treasurer to the R. H. S. to request that you will have the goodness of forwarding to me instructions concerning the mode of recovering persons apparently drowned, &c.;—The necessary apparatus, and whatever has tended to the Restoration of Life, by that excellent Institution, to be provided and delivered to the bearer Mr. W. Shairp.—IT IS THE INTENTION of the *British Factory* to establish *receiving houses* here, which may eventually save the lives of many, as frequent accidents happen at the Mole of Cronstadt.—Permit me to offer my service in this part of the world, and to assure you how respectfully I am, Sir,

Your most humb'le Servant,

STEPHEN SHAIRP,

His MAJESTY'S *Consul General in Russia.*

Mr. W. SHAIRP, of O. Broad-street, brother to the Consul, favoured the Treasurer with the above letter;—By an order of the Court of Directors, the *Apparatus, Drags, Transactions, Reports, and Resuscitative Process*, were sent to the above Gentleman; in order to be forwarded with all expedition to Russia.—The British Factory approved so much of the above being presented by the Society, as to be productive of the following from Stephen Shairp, Esq.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 25, 1797.

To Dr. HAWES.

SIR,

I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER of the 6th of June, and the sundry Reports, Transactions, &c. for the preservation of persons apparently drowned.—Should success attend any attempts to preserve life, I shall have the honour of communicating such cases to you.

I HAVE GREAT SATISFACTION in now conveying you a remittance of *One Hundred Pounds sterling* in a bill on Messrs. Walter, Shairp, &c. which sum the *British Factory* of St. Petersburg present to the Humane Society, with sincere wishes for the prosperity of the Institution.

I remain very respectfully, Sir,

Your most humble Servant,

STEPHEN SHAIRP.

* * * *A branch of our Humane Institution* having now taken root at St. Petersburg, the Editor ardently hopes that it will bring forth *living fruits* in abundance.

NAVAL RESTORATIONS.

ANIMARUM MILLIA MULTA TERRÂ MARIQUE
PERIERUNT,
PRIUSQUAM REGIA HUMANA SOCIETAS
HOC REGNO STABILITA FUIT.

SUCCESS PROVES THE ADVANTAGE THAT MUST ACCRUE TO
THE NAVY, IF THE MEANS RECOMMENDED
BY THIS SOCIETY FOR THE RESTORATION OF DROWNED PERSONS
WERE UNIVERSALLY ADOPTED
ON-BOARD HIS MAJESTY'S SHIPS, &c.
AND PROVE THEM TO BE WELL WORTHY THE COUNTEenance
OF THOSE WHO HAVE THE DIRECTION OF
MARITIME AFFAIRS.

ADDRESSED TO THE HUMANE SOCIETY.

"HOW MANY TARS HAVE BEEN TO LIFE RESTORED!
"TO KING, TO COUNTRY, AND SOCIETY!
"TO WEEPING CHILDREN, AND THEIR WIVES ADOR'D,
"BY THY BLEST MEANS, O SWEET HUMANITY!
"LONG MAY THY INFLUENCE TRAVERSE FAR AND WIDE,
"THE HAPPY MEANS THE VITAL SPARK TO SAVE!
"LONG MAY THY POWER EXPLORE TH' INVOLVING TIDE,
"AND SNATCH DREAD VICTIMS FROM A WAT'RY GRAVE."

TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCES.

Dr. HAWES earnestly requests Navy Surgeons, &c. in the communication of their Resuscitative success, to be particularly attentive to the following important hints; as such an attention will advance their professional reputation in so interesting a branch of medicine as the beneficent practice of Resuscitation; a practice that will ever redound to the honour of the medical art, the happiness of individuals, and the benefit of the state.

- 1.—*The circumstances and time of the submersion.*
- 2.—*The appearance of the body.*
- 3.—*The precise parts of the resuscitative process employed.*
- 4.—*The time from the commencement of the restorative plan to the return of animation.*
- 5.—*The first signs of returning life, and the state of the system till health is restored.*

SUFFOCATION BY CHARCOAL.

RESUSCITATION.

PEARSON and SMITHERS, sailors, slept on-board Captain Gibson's ship, when it had been fumigated to destroy rats and vermin;—the sailors, as well as many spectators, considered them as dead, and reluctantly assisted in their restoration.

I directed the men to sprinkle with considerable force cold water over the face, breast, abdomen, &c. so that by 47 minutes' perseverance *Smithers* opened his eyes.—*Pearson* still remained an apparent corpse.—His body being well rubbed with warm brandy, at length caused him convulsive motions, a languid pulse, and by farther medical attention both lives were perfectly restored.

I HAVE communicated to the R. H. S. since 1787, four instances of my success, THREE from drowning, and ONE from intense cold:—I am well aware what satisfaction so many Resuscitations will afford the Society;—At the same time allow me to say, that Dr. HAWES furnished one with the knowledge how to act in such alarming and distressing situations as apparent death.—When in London, pursuing my studies, I assiduously attended the Doctor's valuable course of Lectures on Suspended Animation.

Bristol, July 13, 1797.

S. H. SHORT.

ADDRESSED

TO THE

MANAGER S.

By Mr. *Wilkinson*, of Sunderland.

I WAS SENT FOR TO THORNHILL'S QUAY, to a man taken from a ship that had been *smoked with charcoal* the night before.—He was stiff and lifeless when I arrived.—Cold water was dashed for some time upon him, which, after some time, caused him to breathe.—I then had him stripped to his shirt, and directed his face, neck, and temples, to be rubbed with *vinegar*; and afterwards with *volatile alkali* and *æther*.—The sudden dashing of the water, at a considerable height, seemed to have the power of an electrical shock, and had a most wonderful effect:—his breathing, which was for some time very laborious, became more natural; his locked jaw opened by degrees, and he came to himself, spoke, and is perfectly restored.

Annual Report, 1793.

His Majesty's Ship Lion, July 16.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF DIRECTORS.

SUSPENDED ANIMATION.

"GENTLEMEN,

"P. GOODWIN has been restored by an assiduous application in the means laid down by the HUMANE SOCIETY;—When bathing he was seized with the cramp, and sunk; his comrades at length got him into the boat, but in such a situation as almost precluded all hopes of restoration, having remained *more than half an hour* under water.

"*After two hours perseverance* in the Resuscitative Process, our sailor shewed languid signs of life; and by the next day his health was perfectly restored.

"JAMES YOUNG, Surgeon."

✶ Captain COBB, the commanding Officer, has kindly attested my success, and it is a pleasing truth that *near five hundred spectators* enjoyed inexpressible satisfaction on the young man's return to life.

Pompee, Jan. 2, 1798.

CAPTAIN VASHON.

SIR,

A SEAMAN belonging to his Majesty's ship *Pompee*, having fallen from the fore yard of the ship.—Th. Niel swam to him round the bow of the ship, and by his exertions caught hold of and saved him after he had sunk twice considerably under the surface of the water.—I therefore beg leave to recommend him to the Society as a person deserving to partake of their munificence.

J. VASHON.

SECOND LETTER.

SIR,

In consequence of your obliging letter, I have this day paid to T. Neil the money, the Humane Society's reward for his exertions in saving the life of James Whittle; and it has been received with that sense of gratitude which distinguished benefactions merit.

Received the Reward of the ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY for Captain Vashon's Man.

Carolina Coffee-House, Jan. 15.

JAMES COOKE,

Jan. 28—1798.

ADDRESSED

TO

DR. LETTSOM, V. P.

JOHN HEATH, of *Sheerness*, a seaman belonging to his MAJESTY'S ship the *Isis*, about one o'clock, P. M. fell into the river Medway; and, the tide running strong, it was some time before this body was brought on-board.—The means of Resuscitation recommended by the Society required a perseverance of *three hours* before languid signs of animation appeared, and in half an hour more his speech and sensibility returned.—It affords me inexpressible pleasure to inform you that he is again active on-board, and his health is perfectly re-established.

W. HARDWICKE.

ATTESTATION

OF

CAPTAIN MITCHELL.

“ I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that John Heath, of the *Isis*, under my command, fell into the river Medway on the 28th of January, 1798.—His life has been restored by Mr. Hardwicke's assiduity and skill in the restorative process of the Humane Society.

Jan. 28, 1798.

W. MITCHELL, Captain.”

PROVIDENTIAL DELIVERANCE.

CAPTAIN NODDINGS, of Whitby, having been left with one man on-board; the sea running so high that no one could return, both were abandoned to apparent destruction.—At length a fishing boat approached so near as to throw a rope on-board; but the rope slipped, and he sunk; they with a hook caught his clothes, and rescued him from the waves.

No signs of life appearing when taken up, the men were heaving him again into the sea; but the poor fellow begged earnestly they would use endeavours for his recovery.—After some efforts, they were again preparing to throw him overboard, but he prevailed on them to suffer the body to remain.—In the morning symptoms of RETURNING ANIMATION were perceived, and, by the careful attention of the faithful sailor, Captain Noddings was perfectly restored, and is now safely arrived in Hull.

LAND-

LANDGUARD FORT.
 ADDRESSED
 TO THE
 HUMANE SOCIETY.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the satisfaction to acquaint you with an instance wherein the means, recommended by your valuable Institution, for the recovery of persons apparently drowned, were attended with the most perfect success.

THIS PERSON was overfet in a boat between this place and Harwich on the 20th instant, and remained submerged about *twenty minutes*; and from the time the boat was upset till he was conveyed to a house, it was *full an hour*.

IT BEING A VERY COLD DAY, it was a considerable time (notwithstanding every exertion) before he was restored to the least degree of warmth; but, however, by animated perseverance he was at length perfectly restored to life.

JOHN FREEMAN.

We have had repeated conversations with the young man, who has gratefully declared, that by the attention, assiduity, and skill of Mr. Freeman, his life was restored.

A. SINGLETON, *Lieut. Governor.*

COMMUNICATED
 BY
 CAPTAIN WILSON.

As TWO BROTHERS were bathing at Coolaba, a violent surf arose, and carried one of them out to Sea; the other, seeing his danger, with great intrepidity plunged into the surf, and having caught hold of the body swam with it to the shore;—when alas! another sea wave struck him with such violence as to render him incapable of further exertions: still, however, *fraternal love* prevailed;—boats were procured, and their bodies taken out of the raging surf, and considered by the numerous spectators as dead, and for a time refused assistance.—The LONDON HUMANE SOCIETY's process, being assiduously and earnestly employed for a considerable length of time, providentially restored the brothers to life.

HONORARY MEDALLIONS.

THE DIRECTORS of the ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY
 have, in various instances, presented
Præmia ob Merita collata,
 to NAVAL OFFICERS and SURGEONS who had signalized
 themselves in rescuing their fellow-creatures
 from the
wat'ry grave,
 and other kinds of
Suffocation.

Sir EDWARD PELLEW, Bart.
 CAPTAIN JONES;—CAPTAIN COFFIN;
 CAPTAIN HODGES;—CAPTAIN RICHARDS;
 J. SMITH, Esq;—Mr. SHORT;
 Mr. STANLEY;—Mr. ADAMS;
 Mr. YOUNG;—Mr. FREEMAN;
 and
 Mr. HARDWICKE.

MEDALS have been frequently struck in honour of those
 who have, by *fire and sword*, laid waste provinces, and
 depopulated kingdoms:—such tributes of public approbation
 by this Institution are wisely and judiciously bestowed on
 the *Benefactors and Preservers* of the Human Race.

AN ADDRESS
 TO
 NAVY SURGEONS.

THE EDITOR EARNESTLY HOPES that the communication
 of so many *British Sailors* restored within the year will claim
 the most serious regard of naval surgeons, &c.—In all
 cases, so that, when submersion and the other causes of
suspended vitality have produced *semblance of death*, all
 immediate and judicious exertions will be employed to
 rekindle the latent spark of animation:—There is not a
 doubt but that, by the Resuscitative process, *many brave*
seamen will be restored to life and to their country.—
 The preceding instances of success prove the important
 advantages that must accrue to the Navy, if the means
 recommended by the Humane Society for the recovery
 of the drowned, or otherwise suffocated, were universally
 adopted.

SUSPENSION BY THE CORD.

RESUSCITATION

BY

W. CHAMBERLAIN, *Medical Assistant.*

TO

DR. HAWES.

Aylesbury Street, Clerkenwell, April 6, 1797.

SIR,

IT IS WITH MUCH SATISFACTION I now relate to you, that I have on Monday last been the happy instrument of restoring to life and to her friends a *young woman*, who, through some temporary mental derangement, had hung herself at the house of her master, a respectable tradesman in St. John's square.—All circumstances concurring, tended to shew that she must have hung a considerable length of time before any one came to her assistance. When cut down by the apprentice, who was the first person that saw her, she was quite lifeless to appearance; on my arrival, I found her cold, motionless, and without pulse; her face tumid, eyes much projected, with great dilatation of the pupils, &c.

I ordered a warm bed to be prepared, and in the mean time having had her placed on a mattress before a large fire, I employed myself in cutting the lace of her stays and all other ligatures. I then had recourse to the customary expedients, so judiciously recommended by the Society, but which it is here unnecessary to detail; and particularly attended to the inflation of the lungs:—when carried up stairs and put into a warm bed, I continued my efforts, but with so little success apparently, that I was on the point of performing the operation of *bronchotomy*, with a view of introducing a canula into the larynx for the more effectual inflation of the lungs, when a *faint gasp* shewed the first sign of returning life.—Half an hour's perseverance longer, after this symptom, brought on recovery so far as to encourage me to try if she could swallow, by a tea-spoonful at a time, a volatile cordial medicine prepared for her.

Deglutition was at first extremely difficult: the medicine was coughed out violently.—Respiration then became easier.—In an hour and a half she was able to take some warm diluted wine; but continued in other respects in a state of insensibility during the whole day.—She is now perfectly recovered, and performs her domestic duties as usual.

At the Annual Court of Directors,
Mr. Alderman Boydell, V. P. presented the
Honorary Medal to Mr. Chamberlaine.

MR. CHAMBERLAINE'S ADDRESS.

MR. VICE PRESIDENT,

From the first moment that I heard of a Society, the object of whose Institution was the preservation and restoration of the lives of mankind, I was ambitious to be enrolled among the number of its associates, and eager to snatch at every opportunity of forwarding the work of Philanthropy and Humanity.

My endeavours have not been unsuccessful, nor unrewarded.—I have more than once enjoyed the highly satisfactory reward of seeing the more than half extinguished life of a fellow-creature returning, and restored, through means which I have been the happy instrument of supplying, or of directing.—But there is no circumstance of my life on which I look back with greater pleasure, than my having been the cause of the establishment of a HUMANE SOCIETY in a distant part of the world;—I must ever therefore exult in the success which has crowned my zealous efforts to stimulate the medical gentlemen of the island of Jamaica to raise and establish a *Humane Society* in that island.

I am happy, Sir, to inform you, and you, Sir, will be happy to hear, that that Institution flourishes; that its fund is already respectable, and that valuable lives have been saved, which, but for that Institution, would have been lost to Society, either through ignorance of the means of resuscitation, or want of perseverance in the application of them.

On the present occasion, believe me, Sir, the sensation I feel, at having been thought deserving of so honourable a testimony of the approbation of the Court of Directors of this, the *Parent Institution*, are beyond description grateful;—Permit me to assure you, Sir, that the utmost of my endeavours shall at all times be exerted to merit the approbation of, and render every service to, so benevolent, so important, and so truly respectable a body as the Royal Humane Society.

Mr. CHAMBERLAINE'S *Success* appeared in the
TRANSACTIONS;

and also in the ANNUAL REPORT of 1796.

*In the latter errata of the Press.—It is inserted again
in justice to so attentive and ingenious
a Medical Assistant.*

INFANT RE-ANIMATION.

Mrs. GILBERT, after a most tedious labour of 48 hours, during which time the child's head was very much compressed in its passage through the pelvis, was delivered of an infant which had every appearance of being born dead. The attendants, conceiving that it would be in vain to follow the directions I had given them, towards an attempt at Resuscitation,—*laid out the child as dead, on a table in a corner of the room with a napkin over and under it, until a coffin should be provided.*

The CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE LABOUR were such, that it was full *two hours* after the birth of the infant, before I had leisure to pay attention to it; as soon as I was released, although my former hopes were much damped from the situation in which the child had lain for those *two hours*, I determined to make an effort towards its recovery.

With this view, I took the infant in my lap, and rubbed it very briskly all over its body with *warm brandy*, *renewing the inflation*, and keeping it constantly in motion.—For half an hour I perceived no increase of warmth, &c. I persisted, and had the satisfaction of observing spasms about the *Thorax*, and which Singultus, at the distance of five minutes, encouraged me to proceed; although, perhaps, this symptom would rather have damped the hopes of one less sanguine, as being weaker and weaker, they appeared more like the last gaspings of life, than the signs of returning animation.—At length there was a pulsation of the heart, and a laboured action of the thoracic muscles.

Thus animated, I desisted not from my endeavours until the child opened its eyes, and began to cry. I then directed a tea-spoonful or two of diluted warm wine to be given to it; and to be laid close to its mother's breast;—the child is at this day alive.

Mr. CHAMBERLAINE *lately observed* :

“ The little boy, so near being buried,

“ is now nine years old,

“ and a great comfort to his Parents.”

INFANTILE RESUSCITATION.

Mr. COPLAND, of Swayfield, has repeatedly favoured the Editor with his valuable and judicious reflections on Suspended Vitality ;—therefore it is an act of justice to so ingenious a professional character to correct an error of the press in the last Annual Report.—See first case page 27—*Erratum* in the note—“ *The pipe of the bellows was introduced within one nostril, the mouth and nostrils being closely stopped by an assistant.*”

The PRACTITIONER says, although the bellows were small, yet they were not so much so, as to have a pipe accommodated in size to the nostril of an infant.—*Read* “ THE PIPE MUST, THEREFORE, HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED WITHIN THE MOUTH, AND THE MOUTH AND NOSTRILS THEN CAREFULLY CLOSED BY THE ASSISTANT.”

REFLECTIONS.

Mr. COPLAND, in a letter received Nov. 3, 1797, observes : *Of late I have had two cases of impeded Respiration, in which the pulsation of the funis umbilicalis was nearly obliterated from unavoidable compression in the birth, but observing the pulsation generally to rise by keeping the infants as much as possible defended from the cold, in a short space RESPIRATION took place, without any farther assistance.*

IF WE ADMIT the placenta to perform an office in the foetal state, similar to that of the lungs after birth, and that from an uninterrupted action of these in the respective states *the heat of animals is derived* :—It will appear that, to a certain extent, the heat, thus derived, is alone capable of exciting the irritability of the respiratory organs so as to produce respiration.

AS IN OTHER PHYSICAL OPERATIONS, so in this, it was pleasing and important to observe the deliberate, but unerring principle of nature ; for, so soon as a sufficient quantity of foetal blood had circulated through the placenta, *gasps took place*, which, gradually increasing, ended in complete respiration.

THIS OBSERVATION points out to practitioners in midwifery the propriety of waiting till the child has cried, or at least till respiration is established before dividing the funis.—It, at the same time, militates against the opinion that *still-born-children* are in an apoplectic state, and that the only resource is an immediate division of the funis for the purpose of extracting a sufficient quantity of blood from the child.

HYDE PARK RECEIVING HOUSE, 1794.

HIS MAJESTY

*most graciously pleased to grant
a plot of ground to the Humane Society.*

The Court of Directors
erected a Receiving-House,
with the ardent hope of rescuing many
of their fellow-creatures from the wat'ry grave.

*The PHILANTHROPIST may here survey
ingenious contrivances of human art,*

NOT TO DESTROY, BUT TO PRESERVE, LIFE.

*It is furnished with an
Electrical Apparatus, Couchette, Warm Bath, and
the various means for restoring Animation.*

Mr. M. BULLOCK

RESTORED A FEMALE SUICIDE

AT THE

HYDE PARK RECEIVING HOUSE.

Dr. BAILLE and Dr. W. HEBERDEN

attested this restoration

which gained Mr. Bullock

the *præmium meriti* of the HUMANE SOCIETY.

JANE DAVIS, in consequence of some passionate words from her step-mother, went to Hyde-Park and plunged herself into the Serpentine River;—It was several minutes before Mr. Banham and J. Smith discovered the APPARENT CORPSE which was got out, and was carried to the *Society's Receiving-House*, and a messenger dispatched to the Hospital; so that considerable time must have elapsed before the *Resuscitative Process* could have been commenced;—BY HALF AN HOUR'S assiduous application of the usual restorative plan, convulsions appeared about the face, and gradually other signs of returning life.

The young woman has seriously repented, is reconciled to life, to her parents, truly grateful to the Society, and those who have restored her to existence and serenity of mind.

August 19, 1797.

M. BULLOCK.

Mr. BULLOCK is attentive and diligent in his profession, and we have reason to think that the above is an accurate relation of the circumstances.

*St. George's Hospital,
Sept. 2, 1797.*

M. BAILLE.
W. HEBERDEN.

LONDON HOSPITAL.

On *Monday* the 27th of June, Mr. HARWOOD's child, aged two years, accidentally fell into the *common sewer*; when taken out, it was brought by several persons in a *lifeless state* to our Hospital.—Being one of the House Pupils I employed the usual modes of the Humane Society, which after some time, happily re-produced languid signs of animation.

Dr. COOKE, Dr. DENNISON, Mr. WHITE, and Mr. BLIZARD, examined the little patient, and much approved of my assiduity.—In about *three hours* the child became sensible, and by the next day his health was perfectly restored.

THE APPEARANCES OF DEATH WERE FULL
HALF AN HOUR.

1st.—*The accident occurred some distance from the Hospital.*

2d.—*The commencement of the Resuscitative Process.*

3d.—*The first signs of returning life.*

W. ARNOLD.

TO THE MANAGERS.

GENTLEMEN,

We have the pleasure of informing you, and the Humane Society, that all the circumstances of the above case are faithfully related by Mr. ARNOLD.

June 30, 1797.

T. WHITE.

T. BLIZARD.

ANNUAL COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Mr. ALDERMAN BOYDELL, V. P.

presented THE HONORARY MEDALLION

to

Mr. ARNOLD

as a permanent proof of his ability and philanthropy
in the cause of Resuscitation.

Mr. SPEED, House Pupil at the London Hospital, in his Introduction to a case of aquatic suffocation, addressed to Dr. Hawes, observes; "It is with great satisfaction I communicate the particulars of my success, as the young man owes his present existence to my diligent attendance on your ingenious Course of Lectures on Suspended Animation."

"Since his dismissal I have had the thanks of the honourable Board of Committee, and also of the Surgeons of the London Hospital."—*See Transactions*, p. 253-4.

"THOMAS SPEED."

APPARENT

APPARENT SUDDEN DEATH.

*Non vivendum ut eas bibasve ;
sed
Edendum bibendumque, ut vivas.*

MR. RICHARDSON, on his return from a *convivial meeting*, was discovered near the change apparently lifeless.—An attentive apothecary was sent for, who pronounced him a dead man, but earnestly recommended the family to have my opinion in so distressing a case.

THE ANIMAL POWERS were totally deprived of sensation and action.—Cupping glasses to the head, and leeches to the temples.—Stimulating applications, and the usual resuscitative process, were employed, which, in about half an hour, excited convulsions, and the gradual return of life;—SUCCESS in a former case of apparent death induced me to force down repeated and strong doses of *antimonial solution*, which, after some time, tended to remove the original offending cause, and had the happiest effect in restoring animation.

ADMONITIONS

FOR THE PRESERVATION OF LIFE.

1.—INEBRIATED OR INTOXICATED persons should, previously to their going to rest, have their neck perfectly free, the stock, &c. removed, and drink warm watery fluids.

2.—WHEN IN BED, their heads should be considerably elevated, and in an inclined position, so as to promote a discharge from the stomach.

3.—IF IN THE COURSE OF THE NIGHT the face should swell, appear flushed, the eyes become prominent, it is then to be apprehended, that a state of suffocation may be the dreadful consequence of imprudence and folly.

4. IN SUCH ALARMING SITUATIONS it is earnestly recommended, that the *family apothecary* be immediately consulted, and his advice strictly followed.

5.—IT IS AN UNFORTUNATE TRUTH, that *thousands* have been found dead in their beds,—whose lives might have been saved by seasonable care and medical assistance.

READER—PONDER WELL ;

*“ If thou well observe
“ The rule of not too much, by temperance taught,
“ In what thou eat'st and drink, seeking from thence
“ Due nourishment, and not gluttonous delight,
“ Till many years over thy head return,
“ So may'st thou live, till like ripe fruit thou drop
“ Into thy mother's lap, or be with ease
“ Gathered, not harshly plucked, for death mature.”*

Spital Square, Nov. 5, 1797.

W. HAWES.

S U I C I D E.

Mr. FOWLER'S SUCCESS

COMMUNICATED BY

A. BRACEBRIDGE, Esq.

OF ATHERSTONE.

Addressed to the Managers.

1. TIME. W. X. Q. a weaver, much deranged, had been suspended twenty minutes.

2.—STATE OF THE BODY. More time must have elapsed in sending for me and my attendance.—On examining minutely I considered the poor fellow quite gone, having not the smallest pulse, his countenance livid, indeed such strong marks of dissolution, that I thought it impossible to restore him.

3. RESUSCITATIVE PROCESS. Inflated the lungs, and my assistant employed volatiles to the temples and thorax, and in half an hour the pulse beat once or twice, and then ceased,—in a few minutes three pulsations, and thus returned;—I now forced down fifteen drops of æther, and continued the inflation; As the circulation was still imperfect, was increased to forty drops; the pulse soon beat 12 without intermission, and the blood flowed more freely; another dose of æther, my patient became convulsed; I now omitted the æther for some time, and, as the pulse was now strong, encouraged the artery to bleed; the convulsions gradually subsided, and he became comatose; again administered æther and respiration ensued.—After three hours attendance, was called to an accident; on my return I found him in the same state, so that extravasation was to be dreaded, I ordered an enema, and visited in the evening, his speech had not returned, and prescribed Pulv. Antim.—In two hours after the antimonial he was able to speak, which was *nine hours from the suspension*; I now pronounced him out of danger, and in three days he was restored to perfect health.

AN IMPORTANT OBSERVATION.

The small and repeated doses of æther had surprising effects, and by its use the intermissions of the pulse gradually subsided, so that, by repeated doses, regularity and strength of vascular action were ultimately produced, as well as the certain return of animation. J. FOWLER:

PRÆMIUM MERITI.

Mr. HUMPHRIES, of Fleet Street,
conveyed the Honorary Medallion to

A. BRACEBRIDGE, Esq. who
was requested to present it to Mr. FOWLER,
as a permanent proof of his success.

AQUATIC SUFFOCATION.

INTRODUCTION

BY THE
EDITOR.

THE FOLLOWING IS A REMARKABLE INSTANCE OF RESUSCITATION, and it is highly interesting, not only from the important consideration of an amiable youth having been restored to his almost distracted parents, but from the attention which it clearly shews is *awakened* in all persons to exert their utmost to rescue their fellow-creatures from untimely and premature death.—Mr. DAVIES's judicious zeal merits the highest praise, for without the continuance of his care and attention *restored animation* would have been again suspended.

IT IS IN THIS POINT OF VIEW that the *Medical Assistants* are most highly to be valued by the Public, as after the *dawning of reviviscence* the extreme of debility often remains, which, in all cases on the return of life, demands the most attentive skill to obviate this state of the system, and to confirm the renovated principles of life into an active and certain state of existence.

TO THE MANAGERS.

Gentlemen,

Last Tuesday JOHN CHAPMAN, aged fifteen, bathing in the river Ravensborn, sunk into a hole where there was above 20 feet of water.—Henry Vickers, hearing of the accident, came to the spot, and, after *diving several times*, at length found the body and brought it up apparently lifeless.

BY PERSEVERANCE for half an hour in the resuscitative process of the Society languid signs of vitality returned; and by farther attention for a few days, with the aid of cordial and other remedies, both life and health were perfectly restored;—except that he complains much of his eyes being strained, and says that in sinking he felt a sensation of prodigious light, such as the air shining with meridian splendour before his eyes.

I have sent this case, as it adds to the great number of instances where life has been restored through the establishment of that most excellent Institution the Royal Humane Society.

W. DAVIES, *Medical Assistant.*

ANNUAL COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Mr. ALDERMAN BOYDELL, V. P.

PRESENTED THE HONORARY MEDAL TO

Mr. DAVIES.

A D D R E S S .

Mr. VICE-PRESIDENT.

The very handsome and kind manner in which this medal has been presented to me, calls forth in a particular manner my grateful acknowledgements, and bids me assure this numerous and respectable meeting, that wherever either my influence or ability may be thought useful, both shall be strenuously exerted to forward the benevolent purposes of the Royal Humane Society.

Believe me, Sir, whenever I view this your gift it will recall to my mind the pleasing satisfaction of having been an instrument, under DIVINE PROVIDENCE, of rescuing a fellow-creature from premature death—of restoring to sorrowing parents the fond object of their care and attention; and at that moment of despair when every hope was extinct, and they believed their child dead to all the good and evil of this world.—Surely, Sir, the greatest gratification the human mind is capable of receiving, must be at that instant, when the hidden spark, when the lambent flame, of vitality lingers on the verge of life, and seems so far exhausted that all farther efforts are deemed useless. To see *that flame rekindled*, raised to brightness, and re-animate the apparent lifeless clay, affords a sensation unequalled and indescribable.

SUCH, I TRUST, will every gentleman feel in its greatest luxury, who like me may be called upon to exert their endeavours for the restoration of life.

*May thy be equally fortunate
as I have been in the present case,
which this medal will commemorate
to the remotest period!
and may the finances of this Society
always prove equal to the extension of its benefits,
and the importance of its views to the human race!*

W. DAVIES.

A BRIEF ACCOUNT
OF THE PERSONS
SAVED AND RESTORED,
1797.

*Nil tam regium, tam liberale, tam munificum,
quàm homines ad vitam revocare,
et è periculo mortis eripere.*

Resuscitative Process—R. P.

Receiving House—R. H.

Life Governor—L. G.

Annual Governor—A. G.

Mr. GRETTON, of COLCHESTER,
to the
TREASURER.

Mr. SIMMOND'S CHILD fell into the River; and had been missing a quarter of an hour;—Discovered, with its feet uppermost apparently lifeless.—Friction along the spine with *aqua ammonia* sprinkled on flannel; the warm bath and fumigation were employed:—I then removed the child from the bath into hot blankets, over which a warming pan was carefully moved.—PERSEVERING in the dry heat for about an hour, a general warmth and perspiration succeeded; and, by the next day, LIFE and HEALTH were perfectly restored.

*Mr. Parry restored to Life;—Mr. SAVAGE,
Medical Assistant.*

*W. Thompson.—His Life restored;
Mr. Beaumont, Medical Assistant.*

*John Smith, In a state of Suffocation, and Revivified;
attested by A. G.*

J. Shunning,—Rescued from the jaws of Death.

Mr. Clements, Windsor,—The vital functions were suspended for some time ;—By the Resuscitative Process a living child was presented to his fond parents.

W. Jackson rescued from the watery grave.

J. Steers.—Preservation of Life ; attested by the Rev. Mr. Lloyd.

B. Freke, providentially resuscitated, and again the support of his wife and seven children.

Mrs. Oliver's son taken out of a pond—His life recalled by Mr. Harkness, Medical Assistant.

W. Berry—Taken out of the Thames, an apparent corpse.—Perseverance in the R. P.
" They brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted."

J. Dosberry, Rescued from the grave.—To the inexpressible joy of his parents : Communicated by the Rev. Mr. Townsend.

Mary Jenks, restored to her joyful and grateful parents.

Seven Persons.—An upset—*Two* to appearance dead ;—and *Five* taken up in an expiring state.—The R. P. employed with success.

R. Sowden,—A remarkable foggy night, missed his way, and, by his cries, was found in a pond, suffocated.
 Mr. Pratt, Medical Assistant.

J. Fortney dropped down dead ;—Mr. WILKINSON pursued the *Plan of Resuscitation*.—Life Restored.

THE HORRID ACTS OF A DOUBLE SUICIDE.

X. Y. W. an inhabitant near Kensington, under a depression of spirits, cut his throat, and plunged into the next pond.—Mr. EGERTON, Medical Assistant, restored the young man to life, who is now in a composed state of mind, and supports his numerous family. — The Rev. Dr. GOODENOUGH attested this instance of Resuscitation ; and the Rev. Mr. CARR, Vicar of Ealing, granted his church on the 15th of October ; when an excellent Sermon was preached by the Rev. G. ANDREWS.

BODY AND SOUL SAVED.

SUICIDES.

SUSPENSION BY THE CORD,

AND

AQUATIC SUFFOCATION.

Souls and Bodies saved.

*“ To snatch from Death the Victim of Despair,
 “ And give the means of Penitence and Prayer.”*

BY THE CORD.

X. W. X.—Suspended for half an hour. Mr. Fowler's perseverance restored life to the body and peace to the mind.—A. Bracebridge, Esq. attested the return of vitality, and recommended Mr. Fowler to the notice of the H. S.

2.—Q. A. Z. Rescued from perdition ; a young man taken out of the Serpentine River. By immediate admission and care at the Hyde Park Receiving House, his senses and life were soon restored. Attested by Dr. Robinson.

FEMALE SUICIDE.—THE CORD.

3.—W. Y. W. MENTAL DERANGEMENT ;—the woman appeared a corpse on being cut down.—Mr. JULIUS employed the Society's plan.—SOUL and BODY saved.

4.—*Suspension.* LIFE restored by Mr. Cuffance, of Kidderminster.

5.—X. Y. X.—An unfortunate woman perpetrated Suicide, her life miraculously preserved ;—
 attested by Mr. *Alderman Clark.*

6.—LIFE RECALLED by Mr. Davis.—Peace of mind regained.

7.—O. Q. O. discovered to appearance dead, Restored by the aid of the Kent Dispensary.

8.—THE CRUELTY of a step-mother caused a girl to hang herself—By the Society's plan recalled to existence and to Repentance.

9.—G. *Wilks*, taken out of the Thames an apparent corpse ; the usual plan restored a living child to its parents ; The Rev. Mr. Lawrence recommended the parties to be rewarded.

Mr. Howard's Child, Suffocated in a Common Sewer,
restored to Life at the London Hospital.

J. Smith, and his three children rescued from the grave.

Mr. SHERIFF observes: "The REWARDS of the
" Society are productive of public energy:—and the state
" is thus more essentially benefited, as the lives of our
" fellow-creatures are to a certainty preserved; and an
" *immense number* have been rescued from premature
" dissolution since the establishment of this Institution."

BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND LADY DAY.

The Lives of Seventeen preserved,
by immediate admission into the appointed
RECEIVING HOUSES,
at Billingsgate, Black Friars, Hungerford, Hackney,
Islington, and Windsor.

Mary Hird, Restored by a benevolent character, having
the plan of Resuscitation in his pocket.

Thousands are gratuitously presented to the public.

John Nutkins Restored to his Parents
by the Rewards of this Institution.

W. Duncan, taken out of the River insensible;
Mr. Penn, Med. Assistant.

S. Lunghen's Life Preserved;—Mr. Braine, Med. Assistant.

J. Collins,—In a state of Suffocation carried to the R. H.
Attested by the Church Wardens and Mr. Emmony.

J. Bucknell's, An extraordinary Preservation of Life,
attested by Mr. Eddington.

W. Watson, restored to his numerous Family.
Communicated by L. G.

3,252.—*John Pincott*, drowned at Battersea, taken up, to all appearance dead ;—Mr. MORRISON in an hour and a quarter restored the young man to life. The Rev. Mr. Sturges granted his Church in consequence of this happy instance of Resuscitation.—It is a pleasing truth that *several others* have been restored to life at Chelsea.

The Rev. Dr. *Jackson* observes,—“ It affords me satisfaction to see the alacrity of the *common people* on the report of persons being drowned.—*Repeated observations* have confirmed me in opinion, that the lower class are only prompted to *Save and Restore Life* by the *pecuniary encouragements* of our excellent Society.”

“ *An only Child.*”—By immediate attention restored to life, and to his fond parents.

D. Goodball, snatched from the jaws of death, attested by the Rev. Mr. Warrington.

Master K. and his *Companion*, Drowned,—taken up. Conveyed in an insensible state to the R. H. at Windsor. Restored to Health.

W. Essex,—His Life regained by the gratuitous delivery of the Resuscitative Process.

R. Jennett,—*Twice* drowned within the year.
Twice taken up apparently dead,
 and *Twice* restored to Life.
 Attested by the Rev. Dr. Mills, and others.

R. Barrett, rescued from the premature grave.
 Attested by G. Evans, Esq. Medical Assistant.

Mr. Smith's child submerged above fifteen minutes ;
 by indefatigable perseverance the boy was restored.
 Attested by the Rev. Mr. Jones.

R. Wright, Resuscitated.
J. Barwick, Esq. L. G. and Mr. Jackson, Medical Assistant.

B. Hardy's

B. Hardy's Life Restored to his friends, communicated
by John Davenport, Esq. Extra Manager.

H. Keepe,—An Extraordinary Preservation ; Mr. Ponton
observes, " An immense number of Lives have been saved
" by the exertions of watermen, by the pecuniary rewards
" of the Society."

BETWEEN LADY DAY AND MIDSUMMER.

NINETEEN PERSONS
rescued from the watery grave ;
Conveyed to the appointed Receiving House.
See p. 52.

James Smith.—His Life miraculously preserved.
Communicated to the Treasurer by N. GREEN, Esq.

SEVEN LIVES PRESERVED.

THE BOAT UPSET.—Mr. *Cooke*, Mr. *Bray*, and Mr.
Ireland, Medical Assistants, attended, and providentially
rescued four men and three women from the wat'ry grave.

Mary Price,—An only child, restored to Life.
by the R. P. being delivered *gratis* to the public.

Mr. Lomax's Child.—Taken out of Lee river an
apparent corpse.—The usual means recalled him to
existence.—Attested by Bayes Cotton, Esq. L. G.

W. BARNARD,—in the utmost danger of perishing.
Mr. HOBBS, Medical Assistant.

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Mr. Cox's Apprentice—Resuscitated.
Communicated by the Rev. Mr. Plummer.

John Chapman.—An extraordinary instance of the
Restoration of a Youth.—Mr. Davies, Medical Assistant.

BETWEEN MIDSUMMER AND MICHAELMAS
Twenty-five of our Fellow Creatures rescued from premature
dissolution.—Immediately conveyed to the appointed R. H.
See p. 52.

FEMALE SUICIDE.

An unfortunate young woman, in a state of pregnancy,
impelled by a sense of guilt, plunged into the Thames.
By immediate assistance her Life was preserved.—The
woman is a true penitent, since married, and the infant is
also alive.—An extraordinary instance of a similar kind
may be seen in the Reports for 1787, 1788, and 1789.—
Restored by W. Greenwood, Esq.

Mr. Pritchard's Son.—The boat upset—to appearance
dead—Sensibility and Life regained.—Reported by L. G.

Mr. Drew's Son—Taken out of the Thames in a lifeless
state.—By the usual process Animation returned.—Mr. B.
Atkinson.

MARGATE HOY.

W. Stephens fell from the hoy. The Society having
furnished the Captain with the R. P. his Life was recalled.

W. Wylde, Esq. by similar humane assistance restored
Captain Kinnard's Son. See A. R. 1796.

Mr. Oliver's Son restored to Life by Mr. Barton.
Attested by the Vicar of Sunbury,
A. Dakin, Esq. L. G. and J. Thompson, V. P.

BETWEEN MICHAELMAS AND CHRISTMAS,

AT THE

APPOINTED RECEIVING-HOUSE,

The Lives of *Fifteen Persons* preserved by immediate attention.

✶ THE TOWN and COUNTRY MEDICAL ASSISTANTS
ATTEND GRATIS, and, in so doing,
afford the strongest proofs of their zeal for
THE PRESERVATION OF LIFE.

We now see SCIENCE zealous in arresting the progress of death, and accomplishing triumphs over the grave.—The researches of the MEDICAL ART, till instructed and animated by the HUMANE SOCIETY, never went beyond the period of apparent dissolution, that was the extent of the knowledge of professional men, and failing in this, they deemed the resources of art, as well as of life, exhausted.

NO SOONER DID THE *trembling pulse desist to beat, the languid eye to contract, the vital functions to perform their office,* than the pale corpse was extended on the bed of death.—It was reserved for the EIGHTEENTH CENTURY, to remove the veil of ignorance and superstition, as well as to convince mankind of the *practicability* of awakening the apparently dead into the *enjoyments* of Life.

The rewards of the Society are likewise paid in the *unsuccessful*, as well as in the *successful* cases, so that mankind have been impelled by every spring of action, to the performance of what we shall not hesitate to term the first and highest of social duties. The incontrovertible testimony of a series of experiments for several years, has demonstrated the impossibility of ascertaining any *criteria* of a perfect extinction of the vital principle in the instances of its sudden disappearance, than except *ineffectual application* of the Resuscitative Process.

SUCH LAUDABLE EXERTIONS have, it is true, tended to make a considerable reduction in the annual fund of an Institution incessantly employing all the various means that can be devised, to alleviate the ravages of sudden death, which form so considerable a portion of the calamities and distresses incident to the Human race.

PRIZE-QUESTIONS.

ANNUAL COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Mr. ALDERMAN BOYDELL, V. P. in the Chair.

Resolved, "That the dissertations, received by the Society on the important questions proposed by them to excite the faculty to the cultivation of a most interesting branch of medicine, have not been adjudged worthy of the prize medals.

Resolved, "That, therefore, the time of receiving essays or dissertations on the following questions be extended to the month of January, 1794."

1.—*Whence is it, that the Resuscitative Art restores Animation*

*in some cases, and not in others;
the processes employed being precisely the same,
and the apparent circumstances
affording no adequate reason
of the failure or the success?*

2.—*What is the best method of treating
that death-like Syncope,
which supervenes floodings
and other profuse hæmorrhages?*

3.—*How may Electricity
be most efficaciously conducted
in the Resuscitation of the drowned,
the otherwise suffocated,
and all the varieties
of
Suspended Animation?*

THE FIRST OF THESE QUESTIONS involves a difficulty, which, if it should be solved, must advance our knowledge of the PRINCIPIMUM VITÆ to a point which may hereafter diffuse the most brilliant light over every department of the medical art, and will furnish more efficacious and certain means of operating to the *praxis of Resuscitation*.

THE SUBJECT OF THE SECOND.—An increase of knowledge respecting the various species of it is highly desiderated; and affords practical information.

ELECTRICITY in the production of various phenomena, as well as its action on morbid states of the system, seems to point out this potent stimulus as likely, under proper and judicious management, to become a most efficacious medium of *restoring suspended vitality*.

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MEDICAL ASSISTANTS.

AN OBSERVATION APPLIED TO THE
RESUSCITATIVE ART.

SOME TRAVELLERS
*having penetrated to a high Northern Latitude,
inscribed, in a Place of Religious Worship,*
HIC NOBIS DEFUIT ORBIS.

THE WALKING STEWART
*having measured a similar distance,
and not finding himself impeded
from prosecuting his journey, wrote,*
HIC NOBIS ADFUIT ORBIS.

THE FACULTY NOT BEING ANIMATED
BY THE SPIRIT OF EXPLORING *VITALITY*
THROUGH HER VARIOUS RECESSES,
WERE LED BY A CESSATION OF THE
ORDINARY FUNCTIONS OF LIFE TO DECLARE,
HIC NOBIS DEFUIT *ARS*.

BUT SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY,
THE PRACTICABILITY OF RESTORING LIFE
*under appearances the most disheartening,
has been so fully demonstrated,
that the MEDICAL ASSISTANTS
of this Institution may, with equal Truth, exclaim,*
HIC NOBIS ADFUIT *ARS* !

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“ Bled if their professional aid some expiring souls could save,

“ And snatch them cold and speechless from the premature grave.”

RESUSCITATIVE PROCESS.

What thou doest—Do quickly.

OCCIDIT, QUI NON SERVAT.

THE LIVES OF MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND
OF OUR FELLOW-CREATURES
PRESERVED AND RESTORED.

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THE DROWNED.

- 1.—Convey carefully the Body, with the Head raised, to the nearest Receiving-House.
- 2.—Strip, dry the Body; clean the Mouth and Nostrils.
- 3.—YOUNG CHILDREN to be put between two Persons in a warm Bed.
- 4.—AN ADULT—Lay the Body on a Bed, and in cold Weather near the Fire.
In warm Seasons AIR would be freely admitted.
- 5.—The body to be *gently rubbed* with Flannel, sprinkled with spirits or Flour of Mustard; and a heated Warming Pan, coved, may be lightly moved over the Back and Spine.
- 6.—To RESTORE BREATHING—introduce the Pipe of a Bellows (when no apparatus is at hand) into *one* Nostril, the *other* and Mouth being closed, *inflate the Lungs*, till the Breast be a little raised; the Mouth and Nostrils must then be let free: repeat this Process till Life appear.

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☛ *Press the lower part of the Larynx backwards upon the Gullet;*

the pressure should be only upon the *cricoid cartilage*,
by which the gullet may be straitened;

while the passage *through the larynx* is not interrupted.

When the lungs are filled with air,
press the breast and belly, that it may be again expelled;
then the blowing and expulsion should be repeated,
so as to imitate the *alternate motions* of natural respiration.

7.—TOBACCO SMOKE is to be thrown gently into the
Fundament, with a proper Instrument, or the Bowl of a Pipe
covered, so as to defend the Mouth of the Assistant.

The INTESTINES retain the longest their irritability;
therefore the inaction should be supported or renewed,
as so considerable a portion of the moving fibres
must contribute, in a great degree, to restore the
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De usu Clysnatis Nicotiani.

8.—The BREAST to be fomented with *hot Spirits*,
hot Bricks or Tiles covered, to be applied to the
Soles of the Feet, and Palms of the Hands.

If no Signs of Life appear, the Body to be put into
the warm Bath.

9.—ELECTRICITY

is recommended to be *early employed*
by the Medical Assistants,
or other
judicious Practitioners.

INTENSE COLD.

Rub the Body with *Snow, Ice, or Cold Water*.

Restore Warmth, &c. by slow Degrees,
and after some Time,

if there be no Appearance of Life, the
Plans of Resuscitation for the Drowned must be employed.

SUSPENSION BY THE CORD.

- 1.—A few Ounces of Blood may be taken from the jugular Vein;
Cupping-glasses may be applied to the Head and Neck;
Leeches also to the Temples.
 - 2.—The other Methods of Treat^{mt}, the same as recommended for the Apparently Drowned.
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SUFFOCATION BY NOXIOUS VAPOURS.

Cold Water to be repeatedly thrown upon the Face, &c.
drying the Body at Intervals.
If the Body feels cold, employ gradual *warmth*:
and the Plans for restoring the Drowned.

INTOXICATION.

The Body to be laid on a Bed, with the Head a little raised:
the Neckcloth, &c. removed.
Obtain immediate MEDICAL ASSISTANCE,
as the Modes of Treatment must be varied according to the
Circumstances of the Patient.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

- 1.—On SIGNS of RETURNING LIFE,
a Tea-spoonful of warm Water may be given;
and, if swallowing be returned,
warm Wine, or diluted Brandy.
The Patients must be in a warm Bed,
and, if disposed to Sleep,
they will generally awake perfectly restored.
 - 2.—The Plans above recommended are to be used
Three or Four Hours.
*It is an absurd and vulgar Opinion to suppose Persons irrecoverable,
because Life does not soon make its Appearance.*
 - 3.—BLEEDING NEVER TO BE EMPLOYED,
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 AND
 THE COUNTENANCE REplete WITH GRATITUDE
 TO THE HAPPY INSTRUMENTS OF THEIR
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