

The following gentlemen were elected Fellows of the Society:—

WILLIAM C. M'INTOSH, M.D.
HENRY MARSHALL, M.D., Clifton.
WILLIAM RUTHERFORD, M.D.

Monday, 1st February, 1869.

The HON. LORD NEAVES, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following Minute of Council was read:—

“The Council of the Royal Society desire to record in their minutes the grief which they have felt in the death of James D. Forbes, Esq., lately Principal of St Andrews University, and their sense of the loss thus sustained—of one who was so great an ornament to science, and so long and so intimately connected with this Society. As a scientific inquirer, and as an academical instructor, the name of Dr Forbes will be held in reverence by all who knew him, or who benefited by his exertions; and it is a subject of deep regret that he should be cut off in the prime of life, and the scientific world deprived of his services at a time when his appointment as Principal of St Andrews University had placed him in a position where, if life and health had allowed, he might, by his further labours, have added to his own reputation and to the range of scientific discovery. The Council cannot remember the able, assiduous, and conscientious services rendered to the Royal Society, when he held the appointment of their Secretary, without feeling how deep a debt of gratitude the Society owes him. The Council direct that a copy of this minute be transmitted to Mrs Forbes, with a suitable expression of their sympathy with her in her great affliction. The Council trust that Mrs Forbes will be sustained under her severe bereavement, and they are sure that if public and individual sympathy can assist in alleviating grief, that consolation will be afforded in no ordinary degree.”

The Secretary announced the receipt of letters from Professors Kirchhoff and Virchow, thanking the Society for their election as Foreign Honorary Fellows.