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NOTES FROM BOOKS

LIST OF THE FELLOWS, MEMBERS, EXTRA LICENTIATE & LICENTIATES
of the ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON. MCMXX

HARVEIAN ORATION

Harvey gave the College during his lifetime his patrimonial estate of Burmarsh, in Kent, then valued at £56 a year. In the conveyance of this gift by an indenture dated 26th June, 1656, Harvey directs that "to the end friendship between the members of the said College may the better be continued and maintained, there shall be, once every month at the meetings of the Censors at the same College, some small collation provided, such as the President shall think fit, for the entertainment of those who shall come to the said monthly meeting. And once every year there shall be a general Feast kept within the said College for all the Fellows that shall please to come; and on the day when such feast shall be kept some one person (member of the College) to be from time to time appointed by the President and two eldest Censors, and two eldest Elects (so that the same person shall not be appointed two years together) shall make an oration in Latin publicly in the said College, wherein shall be a commemoration of all the Benefactors of the said College by name, and what in particular they have done for the benefit of the said college, with an exhortation to others to imitate these Benefactors, and to contribute their endeavours for the advancement of the Society according to the example of these Benefactors; and with an exhortation to the Fellows and Members of the said College to search and study out the secrets of Nature by way of experiment; and also for the honour of the profession, to continue in mutual love and affection amongst themselves, without which neither the dignity of the College can be preserved, nor yet particular men receive that benefit by their admission into the College which else they might except, ever remembering that Concordia res parvæ crescunt, discordia magnæ dilabuntur."

Mr. Barlow tells me that W.C. returned the Honorarium (of 10. Shillings) to get properly bound the Royal Charter printed by Henry, his descension appointed - which he found in full material by the fact his address to be such in need of such care.