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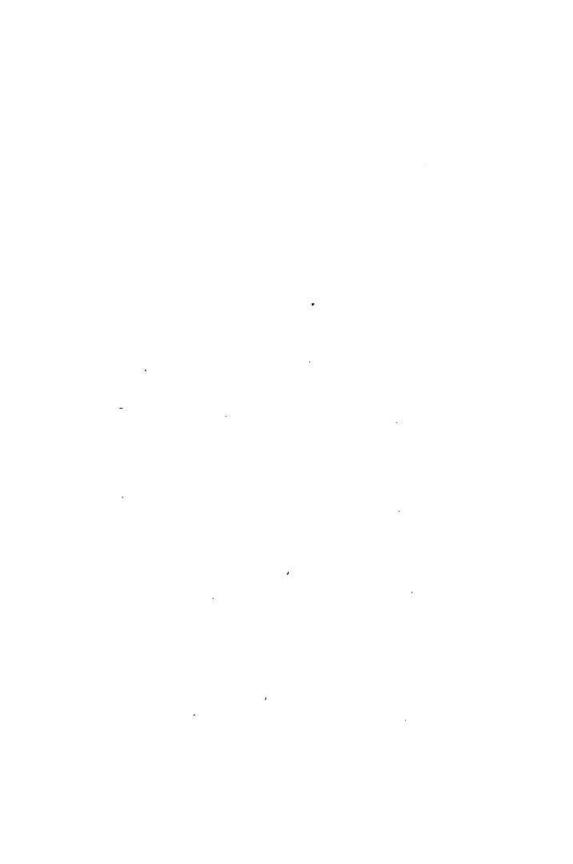
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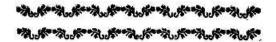
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The ESSAY to which the Fothergillian Medal was adjudged.

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### INTRODUCTION.

As the following Essay has been crowned with the first prize medal of the Medical Society, it may not be improper to explain the origin of the institution of the Fothergillian Medal, by the insertion of the subfequent letter.

" To the Medical Society of London.

" GENTLEMEN,

"TO preferve the memory of illustrious characters by some permanent me"morial, is not only grateful to the friends of the deceased, but excites in the living that commendable emulation, which leads to great and virtuous actions. Such were those which will render dear to distant a posterity

" posterity the name of Dr. John Fother" oill; in memory of whom I have order" ed a medal to be struck, under the pa" tronage and at the disposal of the Medical
" Society of London. It will be in gold,
" of ten guineas value, to be called the
" Fotheroillian Medal, and be given an" nually, on the 8th day of March, to the
" author of the best Essay upon a prize
question, proposed by the Society, on a
" subject of Medicine or Natural History.

"The manner of proposing the annual question, and of determining upon the merits of the memoirs of the candidates, I refer to the determination of the Society; being persuaded, from the unanimity of their meetings, and the learning and judgment of their members, that their decisions will be calculated to promote medical science in particular, and physics in general, which are my motives for requesting their patronage of the Fother-

" JOHN COAKLEY LETTSOM."

London.

May 25, 1784.

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"Medical Society of London.

June 4th, 1784.

te SIR,

"AT a special meeting of the Medical "Society, convened for the purpose of taking into consideration your very liberal proposal of the FOTHERGILLIAN MEDAL, to be disposed of annually, at the option, and under the patronage of this Society:

"I am ordered to inform you, that the fame has been confidered accordingly, and met that warm reception and approbation fuch a diftinguished favour was fo well entitled to:

"And that this Society, being highly fensible how much you had thereby con- tributed to its advantage and reputation, order me to present you with the Thanks which were unanimously voted to you at this meeting.

By order of the Society,

WM WOODVILLE,

(one of the Secretaries.)

" To J. C. Lettfom, M. D. Gc."

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