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THE union of literature and medicine was a feature of the eighteenth century, and we are glad to note that it is not out of date in these strenuous days. A section for the study of the History of Medicine has recently been inaugurated at the Royal Society of Medicine, with Sir William Osler as President, and Dr. Raymond Crawford and Mr. D'Arcy Power as Secretaries. The first meeting was held on November 20th, when there were already 130 members. Papers were read by the President 'On a Down Survey Manuscript of Sir William Petty'; by Dr. Raymond Crawford on 'Contributions from the History of Medicine to the Problem of the Transmission of Typhus'; and by Mr. D'Arcy Power on 'Some Portraits of John Banister and Dr. William Harvey.'