

"10. That for all important cases of surgery the remuneration shall be decided by the Medical Poor Law Commissioner.

"11. That for *actual paupers only* the fee for Vaccination shall be not less than 1s. 6d. nor more than 2s. 6d."

That it is the opinion of this Association that in contracting with Boards of Guardians, under the provisions of an Act for the extension of the practice of Vaccination, the minimum remuneration which the profession ought to receive is 2s. 6d. for each successful case.

J. H. NANKIVELL.

### LETTER FROM MR. GELL.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL JOURNAL.

GENTLEMEN,—I feel much obliged by your inserting my former letter in your valuable Journal. A friend has reminded me that there are one or two physicians of considerable eminence in England, who have been fearless and determined advocates of Medical Reform "through good repute and through bad repute." The names to which he particularly alluded were those of Dr. Forbes and Dr. Marshall Hall. I feel it my duty to state that I fully agree with him, and, as one of the profession, am deeply indebted to them for their exertions. Dr. Forbes's translation of Laennec, and Dr. M. Hall's illustrations of the nervous system, will do them immortal credit, and the fact of their having been medical reformers at a time when others of equal eminence shrunk from the avowal of their opinions, will do them immortal honour.

I am, your obedient servant,

Cairn Castle, March, 1841.

TOBIN GELL.

### THE MEDICAL CONFERENCE.

THE Delegates, at their meeting on Monday, the 8th inst., passed the following resolution *unanimously* :—

"That, in the opinion of this Conference, it is most desirable that every effort should be made to procure the second reading and committal of Mr. Hawes's bill, which contains the general principles of medical reform, already sanctioned by the Conference."

The following petition was also agreed to: it has been printed and sent with a circular to various parts of the United Kingdom :—

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in parliament assembled.

The petition of the undersigned medical practitioners residing in—

Humbly Sheweth,—That in the opinion of your petitioners the bill "for the better government of the medical profession in Great Britain and Ireland" is calculated to confer important benefits upon the community.

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly beg, that the *principles* of that measure may receive the sanction of your honourable house.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

The *leading principles* of Mr. Hawes's bill are,—1. The incorporation of the profession with a representative governing council in each division of the United Kingdom. 2. Uniformity in the qualification and privileges of all persons who shall hereafter be *licensed* to practice medicine. 3. A system of registration. It is clearly understood, that any one who petitions in favour of the second reading of this bill, gives his sanctions to the *principles* of that measure, and is not thereby pledged to support any one of its details. These will probably undergo many alterations if the bill should pass into committee. The object of petitioners at the present moment is to bring the

whole question of medical reform prominently before the legislature.

The second reading of Mr. Hawes's bill is fixed for *Wednesday, March 17th.*

Mr. C. T. Carter having been under the necessity of resigning the office of Secretary to the Conference, Dr. R. D. Thomson has been appointed his successor. The representatives of the Provincial and North of England Associations have retired from the Conference. The remaining delegates will continue to meet from time to time.

### MR. HAWES'S BILL.

THE motion of Mr. Hawes, for the second reading of the Medical Profession Bill, came on on *Thursday night last.* We regret to say that the members of the House of Commons allowed the house to be counted out during the speech of the honourable member for Lambeth.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN LONDON.

LIST OF GENTLEMEN ADMITTED MEMBERS,

*On Friday, March 12, 1841.*

William Simpson, John Rees Withecombe, William John Gruggen, Augustus John Marsh, Henry Coward, Richard White O'Donovan, Samuel Secker, Alexander Anderson, Ebenezer Alfred Jenkin, William Lodewyk Crowther, James Hooper.

### OBITUARY.

DIED, in Northumberland-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on the 7th of March, after a few days' illness, William Dunning, Esq. surgeon and lecturer on anatomy and physiology in the school of medicine of that town. Mr. Dunning was a native of Hull, and had settled in Newcastle *only five* years ago; he had in that short time won, by his amiable disposition, gentleman-like deportment, prudence and industry, the respect of his fellow-townsmen generally, and the friendship of many of the most wealthy and influential inhabitants. At the period of his premature and much lamented death, he was justly deemed one of the most rising of the young medical men in Newcastle, and his professional brethren entertained the highest opinion of his worth and talents as a practitioner and lecturer.

### BOOKS RECEIVED.

A Practical Treatise on the Venereal Disease, with Plates. By F. C. SKEY, &c. Churchill, London. 1840. Pp. 195.

An Introductory Lecture on Surgery. By JAMES MILLER. Blackwood & Sons, Edinburgh. 1840.

A Series of Anatomical Sketches and Diagrams. By MESSRS. WORMALD and M'WHINNIE. Part IV. Highley, London. 1841.

### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A Constant Subscriber (Manchester).—We would recommend the work of Dr. Ramsbotham, published by Churchill, and Richerand's Physiology, or the translation of Wagner's Physiology, by Dr. Willis.

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