

but, on the contrary, they considered that he who searched into the wonderful attributes of God's creation was more likely to look up in humiliating fear and devotion to the Almighty.

Prince Albert, upon the conclusion of the Bishop of Oxford's address, said that it had given him great satisfaction and pleasure to lay the foundation stone of so noble an institution. The want of a practical school of chemistry had long been felt in this country, and he trusted that their institution would fully meet this want, and be the means of not only promoting the study of the science, but also materially promoting the progress of art, science, manufactures, and even religion. In conclusion, His Royal Highness assured the members that they would find him ever ready to act with the Council when his services might be required, and to do anything that would promote the interest of the college.

TESTIMONIAL TO MR. WILLIAMS, OF SOUTH BRENT.

On Friday, May 29th, a service of plate, to the value of three hundred guineas, was presented to P. M. Williams, Esq., of South Brent. This handsome testimonial was given by the friends and neighbours of Mr. Williams, as a mark of the esteem and affection in which he is held by them, for his many excellent qualities as an individual, for his long experienced benevolence amongst the poor, and for his unceasing attention, kindness, and superior skill as a surgeon.

The service bears the following inscription:—"Presented to Philimon Mangell Williams, Esq., in testimony of the regard and affection in which he is held by his neighbours, as well for his unwearied assiduity and skill in his profession, as for his amiable qualities as a friend. 29th May, 1846."

A dinner was given to Mr. Williams on the occasion, at which upwards of one hundred gentlemen were present.

TITLE OF DOCTOR.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL JOURNAL.

SIR,

I feel grateful for your prompt and sensible reply to my interrogation. I quite agree with you touching the title of Doctor, that "it is *usually* only those who practise as physicians who avail themselves of it." But there are transgressors of this usual and fair conduct; and I wish the Association to decide, whether it will recognize any man who does thus unusually act. The evils of a selfish disregard of the rule are great, since the title is, after all, with practising men, *commercial*; since, undeniably, patients do imagine, falsely very often, doubtless, that "Doctor" implies greater skill than "Mr." The word, at all events, in English ears, means physician; and if the surgeon uses it, commercially, he injures the pure physician, who fixes only one string to his bow. Commercially, he injures the general practitioner, who does not possess, or is too delicate to adopt, the title of Doctor. But the injustice may extend further. The surgeon who uses the title of Doctor, may even be

elected to the position in *public* institutions intended solely for the pure physician.

I trust it will not be deemed outrageous, if the question be mooted at our next general meeting; since the only way to secure the harmony, and therefore permanence of the Association, is to secure their rights to the practitioners of every department.

I remain, Sir,

Yours, truly,

ROBERT HULL.

Norwich, June 26, 1846.

MEDICAL INTELLIGENCE.

The trial of Mr. James Ellis, of the Hydropathic Establishment, near Petersham, charged on the inquisition of the Coroner with the manslaughter of Richard Dresser, by the water-treatment, took place at the Central Criminal Court, on Saturday, June 20th, before Lord Chief Justice Tindal. The Jury returned a verdict of *Not guilty*!

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.—On Friday, June 12th, the degree of Bachelor of Medicine, was conferred on Henry Goode, of Pembroke College, and William Francis Chorley, of Caius College.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted Licentiates, Thursday, June 18th:—William Henry Freeman, London; John Palmer, Loughborough; Rowland Lloyd, Dolgelly.

PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

Those gentlemen who have not yet paid their subscriptions for the current year, or who are in arrears, are requested to forward the amount due, either to the Secretary of the District in which they reside, to the Treasurer, or to the Secretary of the Association, on or before the 15th instant.

ROBERT J. N. STREETEN, Secretary.

SOUTHERN BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting of the Southern Branch of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association will be held at Dorchester, on Wednesday, the 8th instant.

OBITUARY.

Died, June 21st, at Woolwich, aged 56, Mr. James Marsh, the inventor of the apparatus for the detection of arsenic. Mr. Marsh held the situation of practical chemist at the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, and was assistant to Dr. Faraday, at the Royal Military Academy.

June 27th, at Portwood, Stockport, Thomas Taylor, Esq., Surgeon; a Member of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association, and much respected for his uprightness of disposition and surgical tact.

Lately, at Paris, aged 92, Dr. Grandison.