

MEDICAL CONTRACTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL JOURNAL.

SIR,

The following fact is so disgraceful to our profession that I am almost ashamed to tell it you; but the exposure of such beggarly conduct may effect some good. A medical man residing in this town, has contracted with thirty men working on the railroad now in progress in this neighbourhood, to attend them and find medicine at two-pence a head, per week! This is indeed a hazardous, and must be a marvellously profitableness proceeding. Honour to the brave!

The question is, will any one believe it? I can solemnly vouch for the truth of it, because I was summoned a day or two since to see one of this cheap doctor's victims, who began to suspect the *colourless* look of his draughts; and he told me of the contract.

I enclose you my card and address, and remain,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

"HONESTAS."

October 7, 1846.

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS.

That medical assistants should be an ill-paid class, is not at all surprising, when we find, from the following advertisement, taken from a recent number of the *Times*, that a person, advertising for the situation of groom, announces himself as "accustomed to the routine of a surgery," and that he "understands dispensing." It is absurd to exclaim against druggists for the employment of ignorant apprentices, when medical practitioners encourage grooms to advertise themselves as dispensing assistants!—"To the Medical Profession.—Wanted, by a young man, a situation as groom to a medical practitioner: has been accustomed to the routine of a surgery, and understands dispensing. A good character can be given."—*London Medical Gazette*.

MEDICAL INTELLIGENCE.

Dr. Derry has been appointed Physician to the Royal Metropolitan Free Hospital.

John Edge, Esq., has been elected one of the Surgeons to the Devon and Exeter Hospital, in the room of Samuel Barnes, Esq., resigned.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted Licentiates, Thursday, Sept. 24th:—Robert George, Reepham; William Beresford Chambers Christy, Southsea; Frederick Manger, Guernsey; Francis Smith, Bermuda; John Rudall Holman, Fowey.

Gentlemen admitted Licentiates, Thursday, October 1st:—George Frederick Jones, Clifton; Edmund John Barker, Stoke-upon-Trent; Fred. Eachus Wilkinson, Saffron Walden.

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FOR SEPTEMBER, 1846.

Kept at Uckfield, Sussex,

By C. L. PRINCE, Esq., Surgeon.

Mean Temperature	62.11 degrees.
Maximum ditto	82.5 . . .
Minimum ditto	37. . .
Range	45.5 . . .
Mean daily Range	20.86 . . .
Maximum in the Sun	104. . .
Minimum on the Grass	30. . .
Extreme Range	74. . .
Mean Dew point 9 A.M.	56.19 . . .
Mean Pressure	29.967 inches.
Maximum ditto	30.38 . . .
Minimum ditto	29.40 . . .
Range	98 . . .
Depth of rain	1.50 . . .
Evaporation	3.06 . . .

Prevailing Wind, North-East.

OBITUARY.

Died, September 18th, at St. Leonard's, aged 64, Richard Simmons, Esq., M.D., F.R.S., F.S.A.

October 1st., at Kensington, R. Heaslop, Esq., late Surgeon in the Honourable East India Company's Service.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

An Easy Introduction to Chemistry. By George Sparkes, late Madras Civil Service. Second Edition. London: Whittaker and Co., 1846. pp. 182.

Biographical Sketch of the late Robert Graham M.D., F.R.S.E., Professor of Medicine and Botany in the University of Edinburgh, &c. &c. Being the Annual Address delivered before the Harveian Society of Edinburgh, April 11th, 1846. By Charles Ransford, M.D., President of the Society for the Year, &c. &c. Edinburgh, 1846. 8vo., pp. 40.

PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

Members of the Association having suggestions to make for the improvement of the publications of the Association, are requested to communicate with Mr. Bree, of Stowmarket, Suffolk, the Secretary of the Committee appointed at Norwich to consider this subject.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Dr. Durrant; Dr. Cullen.