

he suggests for such "protection" as he wishes to establish. Indeed, I have no desire for pecuniary advantage from the prescriptions of which he deplors the loss. I am even happy in witnessing the prosperity of a respectable dispensing druggist. The public will scarcely thank *Veritas* for his display of zeal on their behalf, but, with a learned judge of late, will still assert (in spite of prohibition,) the right of private judgment in matters of medicine.

Though *Medical Protection Societies* and *National Associations* sink into nothingness, *Veritas* may yet take courage if, leaving political disputation and prejudices against his imaginary foes—the druggists and their patrons,—he pursue steadily his strictly professional avocations; for the public will properly appreciate his legitimate labours, and show him that the practitioner who wins confidence will never lack patients.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

November 17, 1846.

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#### DR. SHORTT'S CASE OF EPILEPSY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL JOURNAL.

SIR,

In the last number of the *Provincial Medical and Surgical Journal*, there is a report from the Sheffield Medical Society, in which it is stated on the authority of the "late Mr. Staniforth and the late Dr. Younge," that Dr. Shortt, of Edinburgh, had *published fabricated cases of epilepsy*. No one who really had known the late Dr. Shortt would ever have given credence to such a statement, and as I knew him intimately for many years, I do not think I am obtrusive in entirely discrediting the report of his fabrication. No man was more honest and straightforward than the late Dr. Shortt, no man more full of integrity and honour, and my confidence in this urges me to protest against the statement alluded to going forth uncontradicted. I, for one, who was intimately acquainted with this talented physician, utterly and entirely disbelieve that in his life he from any motive ever reported a fabricated case.

Your obedient servant,

ARCHD. W. COCKBURN.

Ross, Herefordshire,

November 20, 1846.

[The late Dr. Shortt, of Edinburgh, the friend of our correspondent, can scarcely be the Dr. Shortt alluded to in the report of the Sheffield Medical Society; but as the mistake might be made by others, we have thought it desirable to insert the letter.]

#### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Gentlemen admitted members on Friday, Nov. 20, 1846:—J. D. Ward; W. H. Boutflower; E. Paley; J. Jones; W. Hall.

#### SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted Licentiate, Thursday, Nov. 12th:—Thomas Tyrwhitt Whitechurch Bennett, London; George Fort Fox, Temple Coombe; James Johnston Brown, London; Edwin Cotton Cottingham, Kent; Robert Thomas Lodge, Liverpool.

#### A METEOROLOGICAL JOURNAL FOR OCTOBER, 1846.

Kept at Uckfield, Sussex,  
By C. L. PRINCE, Esq., Surgeon.

Mean Temperature . . . . .	52.64 degrees.
Maximum ditto . . . . . 1st . . .	67. . .
Minimum ditto . . . . . 24th . . .	33. . .
Range . . . . .	34. . .
Mean daily Range . . . . .	11.19 . .
Maximum in the Sun . . . . . 3rd . . .	85. . .
Minimum on the Grass . . . . . 24th . . .	29. . .
Extreme Range . . . . .	56. . .
Mean Dew point . . . . .	47.32 . .
Mean Pressure . . . . .	29.67 inches.
Maximum ditto . . . . . 27th . . .	30.22 . .
Minimum ditto . . . . . 15th . . .	29.03 . .
Range . . . . .	1.19 . .
Depth of rain . . . . .	5.53 . .
Evaporation . . . . .	1.30 . .

Prevailing Wind, South-west.

#### MEDICAL INTELLIGENCE.

On Monday, the 16th instant, John Deakin Heaton, M.D., was elected Physician to the House of Recovery at Leeds, in the place of Dr. Wilson, resigned.

#### BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Pathological Anatomy of the Human Body. By Julius Vogel, M.D., Professor of Clinical Medicine at the University of Giessen. Translated from the German, with Additions, by George E. Day, M.A., and L.M., Cantab., Member of the Royal College of Physicians, &c. London: Bailliere. 1847. 8vo., pp. 587. Plates.

The Microscopic Anatomy of the Human Body, in Health and Disease. By Arthur Hill Hassall, M.R.C.S., F.L.S., &c. Part IV. London: Highley. 8vo.

A Manual of Materia Medica and Therapeutics, &c. By J. Forbes Royle, M.D., F.R.S., &c., Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics, at King's College, London. London: Churchill. 1847. Fcap. 8vo., pp. 716; with numerous Illustrations.

Observations on Hydropathy; with an Account of the Principal Cold-Water Establishments of Germany. By J. Stevenson Bushnan, M.D., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh. London: Churchill, 1846. 12mo., pp. 177.

#### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Mr. Baunks; Mr. W. F. Morgan; Dr. Branson; Dr. C. H. Orpen; Mr. C. T. Edwards; Mr. C. B. Rose; a Member of the Association; Dr. Oke.

It is requested that all letters and communications be sent to Dr. Streeten, Foregate Street, Worcester. Parcels, and books for review, may be addressed to the Editor of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Journal, care of Mr. Churchill, Princess Street, Soho.