

2. The usual medical attendant can generally afford such information as cannot be obtained from any other source.

3. "As communications of this nature are considered to be strictly confidential," the transaction is, in my opinion, entirely and exclusively between the society and the medical man to whom application is made.

I have received from you a similar certificate for Mr. John Hendley, which, for the reasons stated as referring to Mr. Dallison, I must also decline filling up till I receive a fee to the same amount as you are in the habit of paying to your regularly-appointed medical referee.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Theodore Compton, Esq.

JOHN JONES.

#### Copy of Agreement.

It being a common practice for agents of Life Insurance Companies to apply for information respecting the health of the applicant for insurance to his usual medical attendant, and in so doing present a formula of queries to be filled up by him, with an assurance that if an unfavourable report should be made, the applicant shall not be acquainted with the source from whence the Company have derived their information, thus constituting the transaction a private one between the Company and the medical man; and as in many instances the Company refuse to give a compensating fee for information thus obtained, we, the undersigned medical practitioners, of Derby, agree for the future, never to respond to such applications, without receiving from the Company's agents the same remunerating fee as is given to their regularly appointed medical referee:—

W. E. Forrester, M.D.; Thomas Bent, M.D.; Wm. Baker, M.D.; James Heygate, M.D.; Douglas Fox, surgeon; William Bennet, surgeon; Edward Charles Rudkin, surgeon; John Wright, surgeon; John Hill, surgeon; S. W. Fearn, surgeon; Charles Borough, surgeon; John Lindley, surgeon; John Johnson, surgeon; J. Whitaker Johnson, surgeon; John Jones, surgeon; Augustus G. Greaves, surgeon; Henry F. Gisborne, surgeon; Robert Hamilton, surgeon; John Webster, surgeon; Thomas Harwood, surgeon; Allen Borman, surgeon; Thomas Buxton, surgeon; Edward Hoskins, surgeon; Joseph Butler, surgeon; Wm. Moore Wooler, surgeon.

If you agree with me in thinking that the publication of the above might be useful, I shall feel obliged by its insertion in the *Provincial Journal*; and, perhaps, you will not think it too much trouble to cause it to be forwarded for insertion also in the *Lancet*.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Derby, June 5, 1848.

JOHN JONES.

### Medical Intelligence.

#### THE EPIDEMIC CHOLERA.

Accounts from Vienna mention that the cholera has appeared at Galatz, and that 23 persons had been almost simultaneously attacked by the disease in that town.

#### REPUBLICAN LIBERTY.

M. Foville has been dismissed from his appointment of first physician to the Charenton. These proceedings of the French government in depriving men of the highest reputation and talent of their offices, on account of political opinions, are but little consonant to English ideas of liberty. Our Continental neighbours would seem to have yet to learn, that freedom of thought and opinion, without being subjected to pains and penalties, is quite as essential to true liberty, as the extension of the elective franchise to all the subjects of the state, or the admission of all to the deliberative council of the nation, without regard to qualification and fitness.

#### DR. BERNCASTLE'S TESTIMONIAL.

The following additional subscriptions have been received to the fund for this object:—

Dr. Elliottson, F.R.S. ....	£2	2	0
W. Clark, Esq., Sutton, .....	1	1	0
R. Esple, Esq., R.N. ..	0	10	6

#### APPOINTMENTS.

Henry Taylor, Esq., has been elected Surgeon to the Nottingham Dispensary, in the room of Mr. Robert Davison, deceased.

Dr. Cursham and Dr. Theophilus Thompson have been elected Physicians to the Hospital for Consumption, at Brompton; and Dr. Quain, Dr. Cotton, and Dr. Bower, Assistant-physicians to the same Institution.

M. Trousseau is appointed Physician to the Hôpital des Enfants Malades, in the room of M. Guersant, deceased.

#### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF IRELAND.

The following gentlemen have been elected officers for the ensuing season:—

PRESIDENT—Robert Harrison; VICE-PRESIDENT—Andrew Ellis; SECRETARY—Alexander Read; COUNCIL—Richard Carmichael, Samuel Wilmot, Alexander Read, William Auchinleck, James W. Cusack, Arthur Jacob, W. H. Porter, William Tagert, R. C. Williams, L. Armstrong, Leonard Trant, Francis Rynd, Robert Adams, James Barker, William Colles, John H. Power, Lewis E. Lipsett, John Macdonnell, Maurice Corr.

#### ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS.

##### HARVEIAN ORATION.

The Harveian Oration is appointed to be read on Saturday, June 24th, by Dr. Francis Hawkins.

#### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Gentlemen admitted Members on Friday, June 2nd, 1848:—J. W. Dew; W. A. Gillow; J. Adams; W. Gillbee; H. T. Parke; J. Gunson.

## SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted Licentiate Thursday, May 25th:—George Francis Cooper; George Manning, Canada; Peter Hinckes Bird, Birmingham; Robert Abercrombie, Manchester.

## OBITUARY.

Died, in January last, Matthew Hall, Esq., M.R.C.S., of Wortley, near Leeds, a Member of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association.

May 18th, at Scariff, in the county of Clare, aged 44, of fever, Thomas Smith, M.D.

May 24th, at Tunbridge, aged 53, William James West, Esq., Surgeon.

May 24th, aged 52, of fever, John Boast, Esq., M.R.C.S., of Southwark.

Lately, M. Alphonse Dupasquier, Professor of Chemistry at the Medical School of Lyons.

## BOOKS RECEIVED.

An Essay on the Epileptic Form of Puerperal Convulsions; &c., &c. By Joseph Thompson, M.R.C.S., Consulting Surgeon to the Union Hospital, and Honorary Surgeon to the General Dispensary, Nottingham. Nottingham. 1848. 8vo. pp. 74.

On the Diagnosis and Treatment of Retroversion of the Unimpregnated Uterus. By J. Y. Simpson, M.D., Professor of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh. (From the *Dublin Quarterly Journal of Medical Science*.) 1848. 8vo. pp. 31. Plates.

Hospital Elections and Medical Reform, addressed to the Governors of St. George's Hospital, and to the Profession. By Edwin Lee, Fellow of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, &c. &c. London: Churchill. 1848. 8vo. pp. 32 and 12.

## PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION.

## ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

The Anniversary Meeting of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association is appointed to be held at Bath, on Wednesday, August 9th, and Thursday, August 10th, when George Norman, Esq., F.R.C.S., of Bath, will be proposed as President for the ensuing year, in the room of Dr. MacMullen, the President-Elect, who is compelled from ill health to resign the appointment.

## NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

Gentlemen who have not yet paid their subscription for the current year, or who are in arrears, are requested immediately to forward the amount due, either to the Secretary of the District in which they reside, or to the Treasurer or Secretary of the Association, as the accounts are now about to be made up for the Annual Meeting.

ROBERT J. N. STREETEN, Secretary.

## TAUNTON AND SOMERSET BRANCH.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

At the Annual Meeting of the Taunton and Somerset Branch of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association, held at Taunton on Wednesday, May 7th, 1848, Dr. Brock, President, in the chair, A. F. Edwards, Esq., of Wiveliscombe, was appointed President-Elect. Messrs. Alford, Edwards, Gillett, Kelly, Kidgell, Ling, Randolph, with the President and the Secretary, form the Council for the ensuing year. Dr. Woodforde was appointed Honorary Secretary and Treasurer. Wiveliscombe was fixed on as the place of meeting for the year 1849.

## SUFFOLK BRANCH.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Suffolk Branch of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association will be held at the Guildhall, Bury St. Edmunds, on Friday, June 16th, T. G. Hake, M.D., President, in the chair.

C. R. BREE, Hon. Sec.

Stowmarket, May 27, 1848.

## BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Bath and Bristol Branch of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association will be held at the Royal Literary and Philosophical Institution, Bath, on Thursday, June 22nd, at 2, p.m., Farnham Flower, Esq., President, in the chair.

JOHN S. BARTRUM, Secretary.

## SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the South-Eastern Branch of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association will be held at Tunbridge Wells, on Wednesday, June 28th.

As Tunbridge Wells in itself may be supposed to have an especial interest for gentlemen from a distance, for those who can arrive over night, or early in the morning of the 28th, there will be a breakfast party at nine o'clock, at the Sussex Hotel.

I. HARGRAVES, President,  
THOMAS MARTIN, Reigate, Secretary.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Dr. Wardell; Mr. Crompton; Dr. Oke; Dr. H. T. Castle; M.R.C.S.; Mr. F. S. Garlick; Mr. J. Jones; Mr. Daniell; Dr. Blackmore; Mr. W. Bush.

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, Princes Street, Soho.