

ON THE TREATMENT OF CLUB-FOOT BY
A SIMPLE APPARATUS.

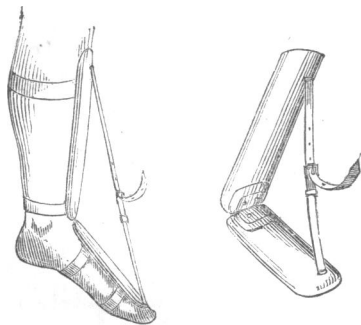
To the Editor of the *Provincial Medical and Surgical Journal*.

SIR,—The various kinds of apparatus in use for talipes, whether varus or equinus, appear open to so many objections on the ground either of complication or of doubtful utility, that a light, efficient, and simple splint is yet a desideratum. The accompanying sketch will almost sufficiently describe an apparatus which I have used, with success, in talipes equinus, and with a slight modification might be equally well applied to cases of varus or valgus. The tendo-Achillis in cases of talipes equinus being divided, the splint may be placed at once upon the limb and fixed firmly in its position by webbing straps, or which I prefer, by a narrow bandage carried round the leg and foot in the figure of eight method. The strap in front being then drawn as tight as the child can bear it without pain, it may be allowed to crawl on the floor, or if old enough, to walk, not only with impunity, but advantage, the splint allowing of no motion save in the right direction. The strap being occasionally tightened the foot is gradually brought to the proper angle with the leg.

I remain, Sir, truly yours,

W. C. COOKSEY.

Worcester, May 9, 1850.



P.S.—It is well to interpose a fold of lint between the splint and the skin, especially over the ankle-joint.

ON THE LICENCE OF THE APOTHECARIES'
COMPANY AS A QUALIFICATION FOR
PRACTICE.

To the Editor of the *Provincial Medical and Surgical Journal*.

SIR,—Somewhat surprised at the statement appended as a sort of answer to my letter, inserted in the last number of your *Journal*, I have taken the trouble to count the “mere Licentiates,” in the *Provincial Medical Directory* for 1850. I make out 688 practising without any other qualification than the licence, about 150 more than you say.

Now, as there are also a great many who were in

practice before 1815, whose right to practise is established by the Act equally with those in possession of the licence, I am inclined to think that the number affected by the proposal to brand us as incompetent would be nearer one in ten than one in twenty, of the whole number.

I am surprised at the number of “mere Licentiates” who are surgeons to Dispensaries; one, I see, is Senior-Surgeon to a Hospital at Bristol.

I have not gone over the London list, your remark applying to the provincial Licentiates only.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A MERE LICENTIATE.

June 7, 1850.

[The numbers were furnished us by a gentleman appointed by the Worcester Council to make the calculation, in order to forward it to Sir G. Grey.—ED. J.]

NOTE FROM MR. COTTON.

To the Editor of the *Provincial Medical and Surgical Journal*.

SIR,—Though hardly worth the trouble, I beg to state that the unpretending reports of cases of tetanus furnished by me to the *Journal* are FAITHFULLY CORRECT, and altogether free from statements calculated to “DECEIVE;” and it is only because private experience has convinced me that the “demands of science” would not be served, or the objects of the Association promoted, that I refrain from gratifying the love of controversy of your correspondent, Dr. Whiting, and decline further noticing his captious criticism.

I am willing to hope that an inaccuracy contained in his “hasty letter,” is quite unintentional.

I am, Sir, your very obedient Servant,

CHARLES COTTON.

Lynn, June 14, 1850.

Medical Intelligence.

CURE FOR CHOLERA.

Dr. Macrae, a civil surgeon at Howrah, is reported in the *Indian Times* to have cured fifteen cases of cholera by the inhalation of oxygen gas. A report of this kind, coming through a newspaper medium, has but little value attached to it. We should be glad, nevertheless, if some of our Indian subscribers would furnish us with additional information on the matter, as it is a subject of great importance and interest.—*Lancet*.

SANDS COX v. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES'
RAILWAY.

A measure has been brought into the House of Commons by Mr. Newdegate, Mr. Richard Spooner, and Mr. C. B. Adderley, to provide medical assistance in cases of accidents on railways. The preamble of the bill recites, that whereas an action is now not maintainable against a railway company by a surgeon called in by the servant of a railway company, to render assistance to a passenger who has been accidentally

injured, it is right and expedient that oftentimes the company in such cases should be answerable for the services called in. *It then proposes to enact that the servants of railway companies may call in surgeons in cases of accidents, the acts of the servant to bind the railway company until notice is given to the medical attendant to the contrary.* A railway company may recover expenses from other railway companies in fault, and in case of a pauper passenger the company is to have a legal right to recover from the overseers of the parish in which the accident happened. *The act it is proposed shall be affixed at every station along railways.*"—*Birmingham Journal*.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Gentlemen admitted members Friday, June 7th, 1850:—Frederick Foster Andrews, King's Lynn, Norfolk; Essex Bowen, Nevern, Pembrokeshire; Samuel Winn Broadbent, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Richard Burt, Dorchester; William Bennett Dalby, Royal Navy; Richard Gregory, Dublin; Daniel M'Keogh, Nena, county Tipperary; George Moore, Enniskillen; Horatio Polliott Nelson, London; John Smith, Northampton Square; Chas. George Wolfenden, Dublin.

Gentlemen admitted members Friday, June 14th, 1850:—Walter Acton, Leicester; Joseph Bowmer, Draycott, Derbyshire; George Forster Burder, Clifton, Gloucestershire; Thomas Joseph Lyth, Manchester; James Parker, Aughton, Lancashire; Andrew Graves Power, Dublin; Elijah James Pring, Dublin; Stephen Massett, Webb, Albion Road, Holloway; Jonathan Colmer Williams, South Brent, Somerset; Horatio George Anthony, Wright, Stockwell, Surrey.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted members Thursday, June 6th, 1850:—Joseph Briggs, Ashbourn, Derbyshire; Francis Philip Cupiss, Diss, Norfolk; Henry Forester, Bideford, Devon; Hugh George, Chepstow, Monmouthshire; Joseph Hutchinson Hammond, Bridlington Quay, Yorkshire; Charles William Morris, Cheltenham.

Gentlemen admitted Members on Thursday, June 13th, 1850:—Robert Beales, Leicester; James Weston Combs, London; Nathaniel Crisp, Bristol; Henry Edwin Sargent, Bottonet, Lezant, Cornwall; Charles Welch, Cambridge Road, Mile End.

OBITUARY.

May 21st, at Blackburn, John Boag, Esq., Surgeon, of Glasgow

May 25th, at No. 3, Baxter Place, Edinburgh, Adam Warden, M.D., F.R.C.S.E.

May 29th, at Fairlight, near Hastings, Dr. Bardsley, sen., of Manchester, in his 87th year. Dr. Bardsley was the last surviving member of a constellation of names which, in the latter portion of the eighteenth century, and the earlier part of the present, shed scientific lustre on the Manchester Infirmary—names including those of Dr. Percival, Dr. Ferriar, Dr. Henry, Mr. White, Mr. Simmons, and Dr. Holme.

May 30th, at the Vicarage, Chesham, Bucks, Henry Aylward, Esq., surgeon, of Chislehurst, Kent.

Lately, George Birch, Esq., Ellesmere, Salop.—John Wright, Esq., Surgeon, Derby.

PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.

The Fourteenth Annual Meeting of this Branch will be held at the Medical Institution, Mount Pleasant, corner of Hope-street, Liverpool, (this day) Wednesday, June 26th.

The Council will assemble at eleven o'clock, and the members generally at twelve, when the Chair will be taken by the President for the year, W. H. DUNCAN, M.D., of Liverpool.

Dinner will be provided at the Adelphi Hotel, at three o'clock. Tickets 7s. each, including dessert, &c., but exclusive of wine.

All Members of the Provincial Association may become Members of this Branch, on signifying their request, in writing, addressed to the Secretary.

Visitors are admitted to the Annual Meetings on being introduced by a Member.

JOHN HATTON, Hon. Sec.

114, Oxford-street, Manchester.

EASTERN BRANCH.

In consequence of the lamented death of the late J. G. Crosse, Esq., of Norwich, the members of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association residing in the city of Norwich and county of Norfolk, are requested to pay their subscriptions for the current year now due, to J. BALLARD PITT, Esq., of Norwich, the *Local Secretary of that District*, and all those members who remain in arrear are earnestly desired to pay up the same, to the above gentleman; or by post-office order, to Dr. Hastings, the Treasurer, or J. P. Sheppard, Esq., Secretary, Worcester.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH.

At a meeting of the Yorkshire Branch of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association, held June 15, 1850,

It was resolved unanimously,—

"That in consequence of the meeting of the Association being this year appointed to be held within the county, and of a special meeting of the Branch having been lately held at York, the usual Annual Meeting of the Branch be deferred until next year, to be held at Sheffield, in June, 1851, under the presidency of Dr. Branson."

W. D. HUSBAND, Secretary.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Dr. Robertson, Mr. Spooner, Mr. Bartrum, Mr. Cotton, Mr. Growse, Mr. Lord, Dr. Greenhill.

Chirurgus is recommended to use the ordinary medical galvanic machine, with Smee's battery, sold at three guineas and a half. There is no monograph on the subject which he wishes to study.

It is requested that all letters and communications connected with the *Editorial department* be sent to J. H. Walsh, Esq., Foregate Street, Worcester. Parcels and books for review may be addressed to the care of Mr. Churchill, Princes Street, Soho. But all communications respecting the routine business of the Association should be forwarded to James P. Sheppard, Esq., the Secretary of the Association.