

instead of silencing me by his note, he has obliged me to address you again, and to request him, through you, to specify the error I have made; for I should be really sorry to mislead the profession in any way or degree.

Your readers will no doubt have already observed, that I have not doubted the "faithfulness" of Mr. Cotton's "reports" of his *own* cases; and, as for my "love of controversy," the tone of my last letter in reply to some of Mr. Cotton's uncalled-for remarks, in his communication in your tenth number for this year, has also, sufficiently I hope, shewed them, that I wish to argue, not for victory, but for truth.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Lynn, July 4, 1850.

JOHN WHITING.

Medical Intelligence.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The provisional council of this promising Society is to assemble this day (Friday, July 19), when it is understood that the election of additional members will take place, and that several officers of the society will be named. The labours of this institution cannot be too quickly commenced, as the field which it has to explore is one of vast extent, and the subject which it has to investigate is one of the most weighty importance. —*Lancet*, July 19.

CONFESSION OF PROFESSOR WEBSTER.

Letters from the United States announce that Professor Webster has confessed the murder of Dr. Parkman. He states that the deceased went to his (the Professor's) room on the fatal day to receive some money owing to him by the prisoner; that he provoked him without measure by taunting reproaches and threats, thrust his fist in his face, and called him liar, scoundrel, &c., and that in the heat of passion thus roused he (prisoner) dealt a sudden blow at the deceased, which almost immediately destroyed his life. His confession, which is very long, adds, that the thought of proclaiming the deed, and explaining the circumstances, never entered his head, but that he at once determined on concealment, and took measures for that purpose with singular composure and skill. He confesses to having afterwards cut up the body, and, having burnt several parts, thrust the trunk into a sink. The confession seems to be pretty generally believed, but it is thought that it would have been of more avail to him if it had been made immediately after the event. He solemnly declares that he never for a moment premeditated the murder, and asserts that his temper has been always uncontrollable. —*Medical Gazette*.

APPOINTMENT.

Mr. Nichols has been elected surgeon to the Norwich Hospital, in the place of Dr. Crosse, deceased.

OBITUARY.

June 28th, at Wraysbury, near Staines, aged 39, John Shelton, Esq.

July 1st, at Exeter, aged 62, Peter Wyatt, Esq., of Islington, surgeon.

July 4th, at Charing, Kent, Thomas Prescott Wilks, Esq., aged 79.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Gentlemen admitted Members on Friday, July 5th, 1850 :—William Adams, Morganstow, Cornwall; John Young Bown, Hamilton, Canada West; Arthur Forster, Norwich; Robert Fowler, Cardigan; Richard M'Cormick, Tuam, Galway; Henry Madge, Clovelly, Devon; Hugh Holland Massey, Camberwell, Surrey; Richard Neale, Liverpool Road, Islington; George William George New, Lascelles Place, Bloomsbury; George Pound, Axminster, Devon; John Russell Reynolds, Leeds; John Henry Trouncer, Shrewsbury, Salop.

Gentlemen admitted Members on Tuesday, July 9th, 1850 :—Thomas Leonard Barwis Barber, Penryn, Cornwall; Edward James Blyth, Richmond, Surrey; Thomas Clarke, Bradford, Yorkshire; Henry Thomas Cornelius, High Street, Whitechapel; Henry Erasmus Fox, Huntingdon; Charles William Hammond, Ipswich, Suffolk; Isaacar Higgs, Brierley Hill, Staffordshire; Henry Manley, Crediton, Devon; Thomas Henry Stocker Pullin, Sidmouth, Devon; John Heywood Seville, Lees, Lancashire; Charles Warden, Edgbaston, Warwickshire.

Gentlemen admitted Members on Friday, July 12th, 1850 :—James Bisshopp, Arundel, Sussex; William Boyne Butt, Edgeware; John Caroll, Trim, co. Meath; William Eddowes, Shrewsbury; Parke Pittar Lattey, Harley Street; James Hay Morgan, Newcastle-Emlyn, Cæmarthenshire; Lewis Paine, Great Chart, Ashford, Kent; Alfred Peskett, Petersfield, Hants; John Thos. Small, Toronto, Canada; Francis Thomas Van-Hemert, Frodingham, Lincolnshire; William Wightman, Swinefleet, Yorkshire; Charles Young, Lewes, Sussex.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted Members on Thursday, July 4th, 1850 :—Thomas Clarke, Bradford, Yorkshire; John Craven, Dockroyd, Keighley, Yorkshire; David Grant M'Pherson, Bristol.

Gentlemen admitted Members on Thursday, July 11th, 1850 :—William Charles Hills, London; Edward Simpson, York; John Todd, Rothbury, Northumberland; Henry Noble Watson, Clitheroe, Lancashire.

PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION.

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.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Mr. Rose, Mr. Toynbee, Mr. King, Mr. Dorrington, Mr. C. Edwards.

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.