

parent" to resist the light of truth, and the words just quoted are sufficient evidence of his desire to suppress it. He may, by a *weekly dispatch* of party virulence, obtain some admirers in this season of excitement, but the discussion you invite cannot fail to give an independent character to your *Journal*; while the permission thus afforded for the development of thoughts, however divergent, will be gratefully appreciated by the liberal members of our Association, and especially by,

Gentlemen,

Your faithful servant,  
A SURGEON APOTHECARY.

April 10, 1850.

[We are indebted to our correspondents for their very courteous and spirited defence of our conduct in the present discussion of the principles of Medical Reform. To prevent any possible misconception as to their authorship, we have deposited the original letters in the hands of the President of this Association.—*Ed. Journ.*]

## Medical Intelligence.

### PETITIONS TO PARLIAMENT FROM THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Petitions to both Houses of Parliament in favour of the claims of the Assistant-surgeons of the Navy, have been presented to the Lords by Lord Monteagle, and to the Commons by Sir H. Inglis. Petitions to both Houses of Parliament, embodying the resolutions of the Committee appointed to report on the evils resulting from the indiscriminate sale of arsenic, have also been presented from the Central Council.

### INQUIRY ON CHOLERA.

#### NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

In order to allow time for preparing an abstract of the cholera reports for the next Annual General Meeting of the Association, it will be necessary to close the cholera inquiry by the 1st of May. Those members, therefore, who have not yet responded to the questions, are respectfully requested to send their reports to Mr. Hunt, of Bedford Square, before the close of the present month.—April 1, 1850.

### ASSISTANT-SURGEONS OF THE ROYAL NAVY.

With indescribable feelings of satisfaction we record in this number of our journal the victory gained in the House of Commons, on Monday night last, by that hitherto persecuted portion of our profession, the Assistant-surgeons of the Royal Navy. At the same time, it is a source of bitter disappointment to us that we were prevented by indisposition from participating on the spot in the pleasures of the victory. The motion for the relief of our injured friends declared, that the accommodation provided for them in Her Majesty's ships of war is insufficient for securing the full benefit of their professional services. Captain Boldero sustained his motion by a very effective statement of the grievances and annoyances to which the Assistant-

surgeons of the navy are constantly exposed, and, on a division, he obtained forty-eight votes against forty recorded for keeping the persecuted parties in the cockpit. Admiral Berkeley was as violent as ever against the motion, while Admiral Dundas, we understand, addressed the House in a tone which indicated that he was not perfectly hostile to the resolution which Captain Boldero had proposed.—*Lancet*.

### APPOINTMENT.

W. P. Brookes, Esq., Surgeon, Wenlock, Salop, has been elected President of the Shropshire Branch of the Association.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

The following gentlemen were admitted Fellows of the college on the 11th instant, having previously undergone the necessary examinations for the honour—viz., George Gwynne Bird, Swansea, S. Wales, diploma bearing date January 2, 1824.—Alexander Bridge, St. James's Street, Piccadilly, November 13, 1835.—Geo. Brown, Kensal Green, May 13, 1839.—Joseph Thomas Clover, Aylsham, Norfolk, May 28, 1847.—John Gregory Forbes, Devonport Street, Hyde Park, June 4, 1841.—John Thomas Griffith, Peckham, Surrey, April 14, 1845.—John James Halls, Down Street, Piccadilly, November 27, 1846.—Joseph Macclise, Russell Place, Fitzroy Square, October 13, 1837.

### SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted Members on Thursday, April 4th, 1850:—Edward James Blyth, Richmond; Isaac Dobree Chepmell, De Beauvoir, Guernsey; William Dingley, Sherborne; Robert Fowler, Cardigan; James Thomas Hillier, Broadstairs; Samuel Knaggs; Alfred Mathias, Lamphey Court, Pembroke; C. O'Callaghan, Killarney, Ireland; Lewis Paine, Great Chart, Ashford; George Pound, Axminster, Devon; Henry Wilson Sharpin, Bedford; William Walter Tinsley, Sedgeley, Staffordshire.

**CORRIGENDA.**—In the report of the cases occurring at the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, the following errors occurred in the manuscript:—Page 178, line 21, col. 2, for "Potass Supertart, oz. j." read "oz. ss;," line 48, col. 2, for "Ferri. Carb." read "Sodæ. Carb.;" page 179, line 8, col. 1, for "serous" read "venous."

### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Mr. Grey, Dr. Cormack, Mr. Cochrane, Mr. Brown, Dr. Durrant, One of the Fourteen, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Fawsitt, Mr. Newham, Mr. Windsor, Mr. Allison, and Dr. Inglis.

We have to apologize to several correspondents for the unavoidable postponement of their communications, in consequence of the necessity for the publication of the reports of the Branch Meetings and the letters on the Reform Question, which, if deferred, would be utterly valueless.

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.