

good, and the cause of the anasarca and convulsions being thereby removed, the patient fortunately recovered. I would, however, suggest to him, that when he again meets with a "cocoa-nut labium," to try what a little scarification will do, unless he thinks this smacks too much of *pure surgery*. I have another request to make him, and it is, that he will add this communication as an appendix to his own, as I hear he has made you a request to have a few copies struck off in a separate form, for the especial benefit of his friends who may not be members of the Association.

Trusting, Sir, they may be as much amused as I have been with his theory of puerperal convulsions,

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,

W. A. COX.

Bath, March 11, 1850.

[The insertion of this letter has been unavoidably postponed.—ED. JOURN.]

## ON THE ADVANTAGES OF BRANCH MEETINGS.

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

SIR,—The hitherto somewhat dull routine of provincial professional life is, at length, by the general establishment of Branch Associations, very likely to be divested of much of its irksomeness. The practitioner may now extend his view beyond the narrow boundary of his own little circle, and most agreeably fraternize with his brethren who, residing a hundred miles away, he would, otherwise, never have had an opportunity of seeing. Nay, it is certain, that even the brief space of a dozen miles may effectually separate members of our profession. One may hear, year after year, honourable mention, even by our own patients, of those we only know by name, but with whom we already seem to have formed friendly acquaintance. But this is a state of things which, happily, is likely soon to terminate. The strong bonds of sympathy are associating us together, and may those bonds yearly become stronger and stronger, till in their permanence they are indissoluble.

I have been led to make these remarks by reflecting on the little incidents connected with the meeting of the North Wales Branch last week; and I will entertain a hope, that your admission of them into the valuable pages of the *Journal* may attract the attention of members to the pleasure to be derived from these assemblages. I will not allude to the advantages they afford, or the sense of duty that ought, perhaps, to lead us to them, because these have been dwelt upon by others; it will suffice that I point out to those who desire a new pleasure, that one awaits their participation, from which none need absent themselves, and of which all may approve.

Our rendezvous was the Queen's Ferry Hotel—a plain but excellent inn—situated midway between Chester and Flint, and overlooking the estuary of the Dee, and also contiguous to a railway station. At one o'clock all who intended to be present had arrived, when the business of the day was commenced by an able and gratifying address from our excellent and talented

President. Free scope was afforded for any gentleman to express his opinions, which were listened to patiently and kindly. All distinctions of reputation and position were for the time forgotten, and the young, the middle-aged, and the senior, were associated in harmonious unity. The indispensable dinner, to which fourteen sat down, followed. The President and Vice-president, Messrs. Griffith and Williams, were in their appropriate places, as the pillars on whom the honour of the profession in North Wales, in no small degree rests. At half-past five (too soon) the cheerful meeting broke up, and the break up was the only unsatisfactory portion of the day's proceedings.

May the annual meeting of the North Wales Branch of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association, to be held in June at Rhyl, or elsewhere, prove as agreeable and more numerous than that at Queen's Ferry.

I remain, Sir, your obedient Servant,

ONE OF THE FOURTEEN.

Wrexham, April 9, 1850.

## Medical Intelligence.

### UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

The Chancellor of the University of London has lately received a Royal Warrant appointing the following noblemen and gentlemen Fellows of that University:—Right Hon. Lord Monteagle; Right Hon. Lord Overstone; Right Hon. Sir James R. G. Graham, Bart., M.P.; Right Hon. T. B. Macaulay; G. Cornwall Lewis, Esq., M.P.; Henry Hallam, Esq.; Geo. Grote, Esq.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Gentlemen admitted Members on Friday, April 19th, 1850:—Edward Adolphus Brown, Chelmsford; John Edwin Cathcart, Hon. East India Company's Service, Bengal; John Clark, Derby; Isaac Coggins, Lower Hayford, Oxfordshire; Patrick Culhane, Glin, Limerick; Frederick John Dyer, Blackheath; John Errington Forster, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; James Jeken, Dover; William Hewett, Reading, Berkshire; Alfred William Moore, Pimlico; Jephson Potter, Manchester; Wm. Prater, Exeter; Howell Walter Voss, Swansea; John Watkins, Hon. East India Company's Service, Calcutta.

### SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted Members on Thursday, April 18, 1850:—Alfred Thomas Brett, West Moulsey, Surrey; John Clark, Derby; John Davidson, London; John Hollingsworth, Cambridge; Henry Madge, Clovelly, Devon; James Hay Morgan, Newcastle Emlyn, Carmarthen; William Scott, Sherborn, Yorkshire; Charles Tenny, Bath.

### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Dr. Crooke, Mr. Cotton, Junius (whose letter requires *private* authentication,) and Mr. Smith.

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