

If the Apothecaries' Company resign their power of granting a license to practice to the hands of the College of Physicians, I hope that something tantamount to an apprenticeship will still be required; and I think that nothing short of the legal power of an indenture for three, four, or five years will answer the purpose.

In conclusion, I wish to express my opinion that the Council of the College of Surgeons are utterly ignorant of the condition of surgeons in the country, (I ignore the term "General Practitioner,") especially of those in large provincial towns, where, with the exception of attending midwifery cases, they are as much "*pure*" surgeons as the members of the Council themselves.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,

F.R.C.S.

ON THE COMMUNICATION FROM A "SEXAGENARIAN."

To the Editor of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Journal.

SIR,—Without wishing to claim from yourself or your readers any credit for excessive sympathetic sensibility, I must beg permission to condole with you most sincerely with regard to your obligation to publish such "Sexagenarian Thoughts on the present state of the Profession." I would suggest, for your own sake, that you should cause all those who peruse the *Journal* to understand that the constitution of the Association *compels* you to insert whatever trash a member may be pleased to send, and that you are, therefore, not responsible for the fatuity of your correspondents. But, I would also suggest, that you should, in future, be debarred from the exercise of discretionary power, *only* on the condition that the *names* of those contributors who indulge in attacks against the entire diplomacy of surgery and medicine, should be appended or prefixed to the documents committed to the press. It is not my intention to specify the absurdities that prevail in the paper to which allusion has been made, because *one* edition of that paper is enough; nor is it my wish to be severe in remarking on the mental and moral infirmities of an aged man; my only object is seriously to propose that some measure should be adopted which may enable you to use your Editorial discrimination, and thereby reserve the pages of the periodical over which you preside for communications which bear the impress either of sanity, courtesy, or talent.

I remain Sir, yours faithfully,

ONE WHOSE REPUTATION IS NOT "EUROPEAN."

May 5, 1851.

[The communication alluded to is privately authenticated by the signature of one of the most respectable members of our Association, and however we may differ from him in many of his opinions, we think he had a right to expect the insertion of them in the *Journal*.—ED. J.]

Medical Intelligence.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING, 1851.

We have authority from the Council to state that the next Anniversary Meeting of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association will be held at Brighton, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 13th and 14th of August. Further particulars will appear in a future number.

BRISTOL MEDICAL SCHOOL.

The annual distribution of prizes took place at the Medical School, Old Park, Bristol, on Thursday morning, May 1. After an interesting and appropriate address to the students, Mr. Clark, Lecturer on Surgery, awarded the prizes to the following successful candidates:—For proficiency in the studies of the third academical year, a prize to Mr. G. L. Poole, and a certificate of honour to Mr. E. A. Hadow; for proficiency in the studies of the second year, the first prize to Mr. James A. Ellis, the second to Mr. W. H. Day, and a certificate of honour to Mr. H. H. Cox. These prizes are quite distinct from the clinical prizes annually awarded at the Bristol Royal Infirmary.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

The annual distribution of prizes in the Faculty of Medicine in this Institution, took place on Saturday last; H. C. Robinson, Esq., in the absence of Sir James Graham, presided. The Dean of the Faculty, Mr. Graham, having read a report setting forth the position of the school during the preceding session, the chairman proceeded to distribute the prizes to the several competitors, and then concluded the proceedings by some observations suitable to the occasion. The following is a list of the gentlemen to whom the prizes were awarded:—*Chemistry*: Gold medal, J. Z. Lawrence; 1st silver, Wm. Roberts; 2nd silver, J. Footman. Certificates—4, J. C. Thorowgood; 5, Wm. Mushet; 6, S. J. Deck; 7, C. Follen; 8, W. Harriss; 9, P. J. Worsley. Birbeck Laboratory Students—Gold medal, P. Duffy; silver, James Smith. Certificates—3, H. Lawes; 4, A. W. Willis; 5, James Bell.—*Botany* (summer, 1850): Gold medal, J. W. de Tunzleman; silver, Thomas Hillier. Certificates—3, G. Buchanan; 4, John Dee; 5, W. B. Ramsbotham; 6, James Ekin; Wm. B. Mushet; 7, F. W. Sayer.—*Pathological Anatomy* (summer, 1850): Gold medal, Henry Thompson. Certificate—2, J. S. Gamgee.—*Anatomy and Physiology*: Gold medal, W. H. Flower. 1st silver, R. Grundy; 2nd silver, T. Hillier. Certificates—4, R. B. Smart; 5, St. John Edwards, A. Dupuy; 7, J. Gamgee, G. Buchanan; 9, W. Mushet; 10, D. D. Davis.—*Anatomy*: Gold medal, J. S. Gamgee. 1st silver, T. Hillier; 2nd silver, W. Roberts. Certificate—4, St. John Edwards; 5, J. Z. Lawrence; 6, W. Mushet; 7, A. Ingham; 8, A. Dupuy; 9, D. D. Davis—Junior class, silver medal, W. B. Rams-

botham. Certificate—2, F. T. Bond; 3, H. W. Kiallmark; 4, S. J. Deck; 5, J. Merryweather; 6, J. E. Havard.—*Comparative Anatomy*: Gold medal, Jos. Lister.—*Medical Jurisprudence* (summer 1850): Prize, S. W. Sibley. Certificates—2, F. Martin; 3, R. R. Banbury; 4, R. Bowman.—*Medicine*: Gold medal, S. W. Sibley. 1st silver, John Beddoe; 2nd silver, Jos. Lister. Certificates—4, W. G. Bacot; 5, A. Dupuy; 6, J. H. Bartleet, G. Buchanan; 8, S. Wright, A. Ingham; 10, W. H. Adam; 11, F. Martin; 12, A. Trousdale.—*Materia Medica* (summer, 1850): Gold medal, W. Roberts. 1st silver, J. W. De Tunzelmann; 2nd silver, J. Turle. Certificates—4, R. Grundy; 5, J. D. Weaver; 6, T. Hillier, J. M. E. Long.—*Surgery*: Gold medal, J. S. Gamgee; 1st silver, S. W. Sibley; 2nd silver, Joseph Lister. Certificates—4, J. C. Agnis; 5, S. Wright; 6, H. M. Greenhow; 7, A. Trousdale; 8, A. Dupuy, 9, Amos Ingham; 10, J. H. Bartlett.—*Midwifery* (summer, 1850): Gold medal, T. G. Fitzgerald; 1st silver, T. A. Bottomley; 2nd silver, W. P. Jones. Certificates—4, R. Grundy; 5, G. Buchanan; 6, J. Ekin; 7, J. Turle, F. W. Sayer; 8, J. M. E. Long; 9, A. Dupuy; 10, A. Trousdale; 11, R. Banbury; 12, A. Ingham; 13, E. A. Kirby.—*Dental Surgery*: Silver medal, John Caldcleugh.—Fellows' clinical medals: Summer term, 1850—Gold, T. G. Fitzgerald; silver, R. Bowman. Winter term, 1851—Gold, Wm. George Bacot.

COMPLIMENT TO MR. WAKLEY, M.P.

At a meeting of the Committee of the London and Provincial Medical Protection and Benevolent Society, held April 21st, Mr. Wakley, M.P., was unanimously elected an honorary member.

INFECTION FROM DRIED SKINS.

According to the Vienna journals, five persons have already died in Genoa of a disease communicated by infected dried skins imported into that city.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

The following gentlemen were admitted members on Friday, the 25th ultimo:—Henry Cracker, Launceston, Cornwall; Francis P. Cupiss, Diss, Norfolk; Joseph Thomas Holt Dunn, Whitstable, Kent; Thomas Henry Taylor, Hanbury, Gloucestershire; John Turle, Holloway; John Edward Tuson, Harley Street; Herbert John Walker, Sheffield, Yorkshire; Henry Osborn, Southampton.

The following gentlemen were also admitted members on Friday, the 2nd instant:—Francis Allday, Merthyr Tydvil, Glamorganshire; Joseph Byron Blackett, Green Street, Park Lane; Richard Carter, Toronto; James Balfour Cockburn, Guernsey; John George Darlington, Prees, Salop; William Jackson, Bolton-le-Sands, Lancashire; John Skinner, Exeter; William Bray Stephens, Plymouth; Charles Whatmough, Whitchurch, Salop.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted members on Thursday, April 24th, 1851:—Sydney Alder, Wakefield, Yorkshire; George Forster Burder, Clifton, Gloucestershire; John Page Burke, Royal Navy; Edmund Thomas Higgins, Gloucester; David Thomas Morris, Carmarthen; Cornelius Clark Rutherford, Doncaster; James Spark, Newcastle-under-Lyne; John Burchall Peren, South Petherton; John Williams, Cardiff.

Gentlemen admitted members on Thursday, May 1, 1851:—John Ansell Brown, London; George Bull, Lewes; Thomas Wilson Caird, Exeter; Peter Ambrose Cotterell, Birmingham; William Garrard, Clifton; Thomas Lowe, Edgbaston; Robert Leach, Martoch; Vincent Litchfield, Twickenham; Henry S. Leverton, Truro, Cornwall; Philip Vincent, Camborne, Cornwall; Henry John Wilkin.

THE NORTH WALES BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting of the North Wales Branch of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association will be held at the Crown Inn, Denbigh, on Tuesday, the 17th day of June next. The chair will be taken at twelve o'clock, when the business of the meeting will immediately commence.

It is earnestly hoped that Members will attend the ensuing meeting, and contribute papers, cases, &c., for discussion; and it will facilitate the business of the day if due notice of such intentions be given to either Secretary.

As the Journal of the Association is open to receive any papers, and publish them in full, it is considered expedient that in the more extended communication a *viva voce* abstract only shall be received at the meeting. Dinner on the table at four o'clock.

EDWARD WILLIAMS, } Hon. Secs.
D. KENT JONES, }

PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

Gentlemen who have not yet paid their subscriptions for the current year, or who are in arrears, are requested 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 at Worcester.

The attention of Members is particularly requested to the following resolution, unanimously agreed to at the Anniversary Meeting, held at Hull on the 7th and 8th of August, 1850:—

"But if any Member's subscription remain unpaid twelve months after it shall become due, the *Medical Journal* and other publications of the Society, shall be withheld from such Member till his arrears be paid; and when any Member has been in arrears of subscription for the space of three years, application shall be made for the same by the General Secretary, and if the arrears be not paid in three months the name of that Member shall be omitted from the list of Subscribers; but the omission shall not be deemed, either in honour or equity, as releasing any gentleman from the subscription owing during his Membership."

JAMES P. SHEPPARD, Secretary.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Dr. Radford, M., Dr. Tilt, Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Toynbee, Mr. Newson, and Mr. Lord.