

Mesmerism has not come under the lash of the Sexagenarian, and it is difficult to account for this omission, unless, indeed, "the European reputation," as distinct from "the British," is at the bottom of it. The doctrines of Mesmer have found favour in the eyes of many of our Continental neighbours, whilst in England the profession has been shy in receiving their claims; it would therefore, perhaps, be an ungraceful act in one holding a commission in the service of a foreign power, to question in an unfriendly spirit the truth of a system which is specially protected in the land of his adoption, and hence, probably, the silence of the Sexagenarian on mesmerism.

One word more. It is evident, from the notice which has already been taken of the "communication of the Sexagenarian," that he is regarded by the Association as a gentleman of no ordinary pretensions. Less virtues and less faults had escaped criticism. How grievous, then, that the solid and genuine structure of sound sense should be obscured by such a wholesale plastering of mawkish egotism! Every disguise is a violation of truth, and however pardonable or justifiable it may be to put on the mask in our insignificant acts, which lose naught of their effect through partial concealment, for merely to conceal is not wrong; yet when higher principles are involved, and we have to penetrate through a thick screen of vanity to reach the good gifts of nature below, the effect is to cast a suspicion on the reality of the gift itself. "There are some faults slight in the sight of love, some errors slight in the estimate of wisdom, but truth forgives no insult, and endures no stain."*

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

QUADRAGENARIUS.

June 13, 1851.

Medical Intelligence.

APPOINTMENT.

Dr. Crowdy has been elected Physician in Ordinary to the Brighton Dispensary, and Mr. Thomas Fuller, House-Surgeon, in the room of Mr. King, resigned.

NAVAL.—Assistant-Surgeon Alexander Robinson (1814) additional, of the *Victory*, flagship at Portsmouth, for service of a naval hospital, to the Portsmouth division of Royal Marines; James D. Cronin (1850) additional, of the *Victory*, to be borne on the books of that vessel for service in a naval hospital; and Robert P. R. Sparrow to the *Victory*.

MILITARY.—2nd Foot: Assistant-Surgeon Henry Clinton Foss, from the 55th Foot, to be surgeon, vice George Roche Smith, placed on half-pay. 55th Foot: Assistant-Surgeon Alfred Crocker, from the staff, to be Assistant-Surgeon, vice Foss, promoted in the 2nd Foot. Rifle Brigade: Assistant-Surgeon Francis Reynolds, from the staff, to be Assistant-Surgeon, vice Robinson, who resigns. Hospital Staff: Acting Assistant-Surgeon Francis Walters Knox to be Assistant-Surgeon to the Forces, vice Reynolds, appointed to the Rifle Brigade.

Acting Assistant-Surgeon John Wyatt to be Assistant-Surgeon to the Forces, vice Crocker, appointed to the 55th Foot.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The address of the offices of this Society is as follows:—The Hon. Secretaries of the Epidemiological Society, 38, Berners Street, London.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

The following gentlemen were admitted members on Friday, the 6th inst.:—Frederick Cock, Appledore, Kent; Henry May Davies, Hastings, Sussex; Charles West Roberts, Bristol; Alfred Wall, Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire.

The following gentlemen were also admitted members on Friday, the 13th inst.:—Charles Cooper, Dublin; Isaac Lionel Crawcour, London; Henry Duncalfe, West Bromwich, Staffordshire; John Baker Freeland, Antigua, West Indies; John Hemming, London; Joseph Henderson, Alfreton, Derbyshire; Thomas John Kelly, Dundalk, County Louth; Sydney S. Lynch, London; Charles Osborn, Bognor, Sussex; Joseph Stead, Manchester.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted on Thursday, the 5th instant:—Charles Arettingham, Finchley Road; Horatio Wm. Costerton, Great Yarmouth; Stephen Orson Lane, Brainton, Devon; Horatio George Anthony Wright, Stockwell; John Freeman Wright, London.

Gentlemen admitted on Thursday, the 12th inst.:—James Stacey Hichens, Redruth, Cornwall; Richard Clark Perkin.

UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREW'S.

List of gentlemen who had the degree of Doctor of Medicine conferred upon them, May 9, 1851:—Henry Allen Aldred, M.R.C.S., London; Charles Alexander Bisset, M.R.C.S., Peckham, Surrey; John Le Gay Brereton, M.R.C.S., Ed., Yorkshire; Charles Gage Brown, M.R.C.S., and L.A.C., Middlesex; Edward Somerset Cleveland, M.R.C.S., Madras; Cydwelyn, Ellis, M.R.C.S., and L.A.C., London; Samuel Turner Fearon, M.R.C.S., Slanstead Herts; James G. Gaff, M.R.C.S., Ed., Newmonkland, Lanarkshire; Robert Douglas Hale, M.R.C.S., and L.A.C., Norwich; Constantine Holman, M.R.C.S., Hurstpierpoint, Sussex; Henry Hooper, M.R.C.S., London; William Jackson, Montserrat, West Indies; John Joseph Ledsam, M.R.C.S., and L.A.C., Warwickshire; Peter Leonard, M.R.C.S., Ed., Forfar; John Glover Loy Merryweather, M.R.C.S., Ed., Yorkshire; Thomas L. Nash, M.R.C.S., Dublin; Lewis Newnham, L.A.C., Sussex; Robert Parker, Lic. Fac. Phys. and Surg. Glasgow, Lanark; John Burchell Peren, M.R.C.S., and L.A.C., Somersetshire; Thomas Peete, M.R.C.S., Ed., Margate, Kent; Samuel Reynolds, M.R.C.S., and L.A.C., London; Frederic Joseph Rowen, M.R.C.S., Tipperary;

Craufurd Smith, Lic. Fac. Phy. and Surgeons, Glasgow, Ayrshire; James Spark, L.A.C., Newcastle-under-Lyne, Staffordshire; Thos. Richd. Heywood Thomson, M.R.C.S., Isle of Man; Benjamin Webster, M.R.C.S., and L.A.C., Yorkshire; Edmund Sparshall, Willett, M.R.C.S., Norfolk.

OBITUARY.

On the 6th inst., at his residence, Great Stanmore, Wm. Rogers, Esq., M.R.C.S., aged 54.

On the 8th inst., at Amisten Place, Edinburgh, Dr. R. A. Miller, F.R.C.S.E.

On the 13th inst., in Brunswick Square, in the 91st year of his age, Thomas Phillips, Esq., late Member of the Medical Board of Bengal.

June 11th, in his 63rd year, Dr. Holbrooke, of Andover House, Cheltenham. The deceased was a member of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association.

BOOKS RECEIVED FOR REVIEW.

Practical Remarks on some Exhausting Diseases. By Sir James Eyre, M.D., &c. Second Edition. London: J. Churchill, 1851. pp. 110.

On the Prevention and Cure of Spinal Curvature. By Mrs. Godfrey. London: J. Churchill, 1851. pp. 90.

The Teeth and their Preservation in Infancy and Manhood. By A. Canton, M.R.C.S.L. London: H. Bailliere, 1851. pp. 207.

Plan and Description of the Original Electro-Magnetic Telegraph. By W. Alexander, F.R.S.E. London: Longman and Co., 1851. pp. 30. Pamphlet.

Nice et Son Climat. Par Edwin Lee, M.R.C.S.L. Paris: Bailliere, 1851. pp. 132.

The Mesmeric Mania of 1851. A Lecture, by J. H. Bennett, M.D., Professor of the Theory of Physic in the University of Edinburgh. Edinburgh: Sutherland and Knox, 1851. pp. 21.

What is Mesmerism? By Alexander Wood, M.D. Edinburgh: Sutherland and Knox, 1851. pp. 31. Pamphlet.

Monthly Journal of Medical Science—June, 1851.

A Voice for All Subjects. By Francis R. Bertollain, Esq. London: Privately printed, 1851.

London Journal of Medicine—June, 1851.

PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.

The Fifteenth Annual Meeting of this Branch will be held at the Town Hall, King Street, Manchester, on Wednesday the 25th June, inst. The chair will be taken at 12 o'clock precisely, by Thomas Turner, Esq., of Manchester, President for the year. Dinner will be provided at the Albion Hotel, (opposite the Royal Infirmary), at *three o'clock*, for those members or friends who signify to the Secretary, on or before the 23rd inst., their intention of being present.

JOHN HATTON, Secretary.

114, Oxford Street, Manchester.

SUFFOLK BRANCH.

The Anniversary Meeting of the Suffolk Branch of the Association, will be holden at the Town Hall, Framlingham, on Friday, the 27th of June.

Members of the Council will meet at the residence of the President elect, Wm. Jeafferson, Esq., at one o'clock, and the Chair at the General Meeting will be taken at two o'clock, precisely.

The members and their friends will dine together at the Crown Hotel, at five o'clock.

Short papers, or briefly detailed cases of practical value will be desirable; members unable to attend are respectfully informed that any communication they may wish brought before the meeting will be taken care of by the Secretary.

It will facilitate arrangements, if members would be kind enough to intimate to the President-Elect, Mr. Jeafferson, or myself, whether it is their intention to be present at the Dinner or not.

CHARLES ROBERT BREE,
Hon. Sec.

Stowmarket, June 9th, 1851.

P.S.—Members who have not paid their Subscriptions, and who are not likely to attend the Meeting, are requested to send them to me, by post-office order.

It is desirable that subscriptions should be paid before the 30th of June.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.

The Bath and Bristol District Branch will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, June 26th, at half-past two o'clock, at the Bristol Medical Library, Orchard Street, Bristol, under the Presidency of J. A. Symonds, M.D. The dinner will take place at the Bath Hotel, Clifton, at six o'clock.

JOHN COLTHURST,
Hon. Sec., Bristol District.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH.

The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Medical School, Surrey Street, Sheffield, on Thursday, July 3rd, under the Presidency of Ferguson Branson, M.D. The chair will be taken at one o'clock precisely. The members and visitors will dine together after the meeting.

W. D. HUSBAND,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

York, June 19, 1851.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

The publishers having received information that there has been some irregularity in the transit of the *Journal* through the post, it is particularly requested that any gentleman not receiving it punctually will immediately communicate the same to the office of the Association. The *Journal* is published every alternate Tuesday, and despatched in time for the evening post or the Wednesday's day mail.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Dr. Williams, Mr. Landor, Birmingham Pathological Society, Dr. Radford, Mr. Hardy, C—r, and Mr. Sands Cox. 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.