

attentive to it,—how short are the hours, how fleeting, to the unsteady mind.

The care of insanity does not depend upon the “dance, the spade, or the tambour.”

Dr. Gregory has advanced, in his “Letters to a Candid Inquirer,” certain opinions concerning the theory of insanity, which I shall not now discuss. An experience of thirty years teaches me it would be beating the air: but when his “odyle” can be obtained—when his imaginative conjectures can be condensed into solidism, then will be the time to gaze, to pass, dispass, to administer globules of the “insane root,” which, according to the doctrine of *the then day*, must inevitably cure the disease.

In this interval we may be allowed to reason upon facts, instead of losing ourselves in the “clouds of science.”

— The human mind may strain,
And in its labours will most likely gain
The granted knowledge of the laws of life,—
Their mutual action, their continued strife.

Yet, all in order. Those will be content
Who widely reason, judge of what is meant,
Believing truly that Almighty Power
Has given to man his day, his strength, unto his hour.

At present I cannot class among the well-judging reasoners upon this disease, extraordinary as it is, those who seek for its emanations beyond the credible influence we are yet permitted to perceive of the union and action of the material body with and upon the immaterial spirit.

Yours obediently,
E. B.

Medical Intelligence.

MEDICAL BENEVOLENT COLLEGE.

At a meeting of the medical practitioners of Leamington and Warwick, held at Leamington, October 9th, 1851, Dr. Jeaffreson in the chair, the following resolutions were passed:—

First. Proposed by Mr. Prichard, and seconded by Mr. Boulton, “That the Establishment of an Asylum for Distressed Medical Men or their Widows, and a School for the Education of their Sons, is an object worthy of the cordial co-operation of the profession, and has strong claims on the sympathy of the public.”

Second. Proposed by Dr. Homer, and seconded by Mr. Hiron, “That the members of the medical profession in Leamington and Warwick, forming this meeting, pledge themselves by all available means to assist the accomplishment of so desirable an object, and earnestly exhort their professional brethren and their friends throughout the country to aid them in carrying it out.”

Third. Proposed by Dr. Franklin, and seconded by Mr. Blenkinsop, “That a local committee be formed, consisting of the following gentlemen, for the purpose of co-operating with the central committee in London, and on receiving subscriptions and donations from the profession:—Dr. Jeaffreson, Mr. Middleton, Mr. Boulton, Dr. Homer, Dr. Franklin, Mr. Jones, Mr. Blenkinsop, Mr. Babington, Mr. Hiron, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Prichard.”

Fourth. Proposed by Mr. Blenkinsop, and seconded by Mr. Busby, “That Dr. Jeaffreson be requested to accept the office of Chairman, and Mr. Prichard that of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer to the local committee.”

Subscriptions and donations will be thankfully received by the Local Treasurer, or by any member of the committee.

MESSRS. HIGHLEY AND SON, v. QUACK PUBLICATIONS.

The profession will be much gratified on being made acquainted with the important fact that Messrs. Highley and Son, the eminent medical publishers of Fleet Street, and booksellers to the Royal College of Surgeons of England, have declined the further publication of all homœopathic, hydropathic, and other works devoted to the advancement of quackery.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL LUNATIC ASYLUM.

The visitors of the County Lunatic Asylum, Gloucester, have forwarded a memorial to the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for the establishment of a Central Criminal Lunatic Asylum.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The first ordinary meeting of the present session was held at the house of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, 53, Berners Street, on Monday, the 3rd of November, Dr. Babington in the chair. An address was read by the President, in which he stated the progress of the Society since first he had the honour of addressing the members beneath the same roof in December last, and the nature and operations of the various committees formed since that period. A paper was read by the Honorary Secretary, written by Mr. Gardner, of Notting Hill, “On Small-pox and Vaccination,” which elicited much applause. Mr. Grainger spoke at some length. Dr. Babington and Dr. Hare also took part in the discussion. Several new members and corresponding members were proposed. The meeting was well attended.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

LECTURES ON SUBJECTS CONNECTED WITH THE STUDY OF MEDICINE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Michaelmas Term.—Comparative Anatomy and Physiology, by the Professor of Anatomy—Human Anatomy and Physiology, by the Professor of Anatomy—Institutes of Medicine and Preservation of Health, by the Downing Professor of Medicine—Medical Clinical Lectures by the Regius Professor of Physic, at the Hospital.

Lent Term.—General Pathology, by the Regius Professor of Physic—Human Anatomy and Physiology. (Course continued.)—Chemistry, by the Professor of Chemistry—Medical Clinical Lectures, by the Linacre

Lecturer at the Hospital—Materia Medica and Pharmacy, by the Downing Professor of Medicine.

Easter Term.—Special Pathology, by the Regius Professor of Physic—Botany, by the Professor of Botany—General Therapeutics and Clinical Medicine, by the Downing Professor of Medicine.

A course of Lectures on Surgery by Mr. Humphry.

Attendance on Medical and Surgical Practice at the Hospital, daily, at 11 A.M., recognised by the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons.

Attendance on the Lectures on Human Anatomy and Physiology, and on General Pathology and Dissections, are recognised by the Royal College of Surgeons, London, as one of the Sessional Courses required by the Regulations of the Council of that College.

Students entered to the Practice of the Hospital are admitted to the Clinical Lectures and the Lectures on Surgery without additional fee.

Cambridge, October, 1851.

HARVEIAN SOCIETY.

Office Bearers for the Session 1851-52.—*Presidents*: Dr. J. Bird and Mr. H. Obré.—*Treasurer*: Dr. J. Ridge.—*Honorary Secretary*: Dr. R. H. Powell.—*Members of Council*: Dr. Chowne, Dr. R. Quain, and Mr. H. B. Norman; *ex-officio* members inclusive.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

The Classical and Mathematical Examinations for the Fellowship commenced on Tuesday last. The Professional Examinations will take place in the first week of the ensuing month.

The following gentlemen were admitted members on the 24th inst.:—Robert William Ellis, Bristol; John Tom Gabriel, Devonport; Thomas John Hughes, Lampeter, Cardiganshire; John Kearns, Kilkenny; John M. Kidd, Edinburgh; George William Paynter, Australia; William Barnes Rainey, Spilsby, Lincolnshire; George Money Swinhoe, Calcutta.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES

Gentlemen admitted on Thursday, October 23:—George Atkin, Sheffield; William Davey Haye, Calington, Cornwall; Thomas Nash, Liverpool; Thomas Odell, Newport Pagnell; Edward Horatio Swete, Sheffield.

Gentlemen admitted on Thursday, October 30:—William Boyle Chavasse, Birmingham; Charles Edward Bowman Danson, Pocklington, York; Edwin Josiah Miles, Gillingham, Dorset; Richard Nugent, Antigua; William Owen, Llanfair, Montgomery.

BOOKS RECEIVED FOR REVIEW.

Lectures on the Principles and Practice of Surgery. By Bransby B. Cooper, F.R.S., &c. London: J. Churchill, 1851. pp. 964.

On the Transmission from Parent to Offspring of some Forms of Disease. By James Whitehead, M.D., F.R.C.S., &c. London: J. Churchill, 1851. pp. 351.

A History of Epidemic Pestilences, from the Earliest Ages. By Edward Bascombe, M.D. London: J. Churchill, 1851. pp. 250.

The Prevention and Cure of Diseases by Movements. By M. Roth, M.D. London: J. Churchill, 1851. pp. 302.

A Manual of Physiology. By W. B. Carpenter, M.D., F.R.S., F.G.S., Second Edition. London: J. Churchill, 1851. pp. 616.

Bradshaw's Companion to the Continent. By Edwin Lee, Esq. London: W. J. Adams, 1851. pp. 408.

Report of the Proceedings of the Pathological Society of London. London: Bentley and Co. 1850-1. pp. 196.

Report of the Alleged Lunatics' Friend Society, 1851. Pamphlet. pp. 39.

Summary of Suggestions for Additions to the Law of Lunacy. Pamphlet. pp. 11.

A Letter to the Right Hon. the Committee of the House of Lords, sitting on the Masters' Jurisdiction. Bath, 1851.

The Medical Examiner—August, 1850. Philadelphia.

The American Journal of Dental Science. Philadelphia, 1851.—April and July.

The Dublin Quarterly Journal.

The Charleston Medical Journal—September, 1851.

The London Journal of Medicine—November, 1851.

The Medical Examiner—September and October, 1851.

The American Journal of Dental Science—October, 1851.

PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

Gentlemen will observe that the Annual Subscriptions become due on the First of January, those 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, Worcester.

It is also particularly requested that all post-office orders should be sent either to the Treasurer or Secretary, who alone have the power of giving receipts.

JAMES P. SHEPPARD, Secretary.

Worcester, September, 1851.

ERRATUM.—In the letter "On Mr. Owen's Case of Spontaneous Amputation of the Limbs of the Fœtus in Utero," page 613, col. 1, line 30, from the bottom, for "in the limb itself," read "in the funis itself."

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Mr. Mallett, Dr. Nelson (twice), Mr. West, Dr. R. Hall, Mr. Lingen, Mr. Le Gay Brewston, Birmingham Pathological Society, and Mr. E. Bishop.

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.