

### QUEEN'S COLLEGE DEBATING SOCIETY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

SIR,—A passage in Mr. Harrison's address before the "Bristol Royal Infirmary Medical Society," which appeared in your *Journal* of the 12th ult., has just been pointed out to me, and since I am satisfied that the claim made by that gentleman for Bristol, respecting the priority of establishment in the provincial schools of a society, for the discussion of medical subjects, is entirely unfounded, I feel it my bounden duty to give an unqualified contradiction to that statement.

If my recollection serves me, the society formed in connection with the Bristol Royal Infirmary, was opened in January last, by an introductory address from Dr. Wallis. Now, I have only to refer to the records of the Society established here, to bring proof that several meetings had been held, and some important subjects discussed, before the issue of the circular, which was a proposal to originate a society, somewhat similar in its objects to our own, at the Bristol Infirmary; and had not that circular been shown me at the time by a friend, it is highly probable that Mr. Harrison's statement would have remained without contradiction, at least so far as I am concerned. To show that the claim which has been made cannot be a just one, I have only to make the assertion that a Debating Society was established at this College more than ten years ago, but its discussions, from some cause or other, were not continued.

Sufficient has I conceive been said, to prove that to Queen's College, Birmingham, belongs the honour, if not of having first established a Debating Society, in which subjects of medical and general interest should be discussed, at least of having a prior claim to it, than that which has been put forth by Mr. Harrison for the Infirmary at Bristol.

Requesting insertion of this note in the next number of your valuable periodical,

Believe me to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

WILLIAM WEBB,

President of the Queen's College Debating Society.

Queen's College, Birmingham,

December 3, 1851.

## Medical Intelligence.

### EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

At the next meeting of the Society, to be held on Monday, December 1, 1851, at the house of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, 53, Berners Street, two papers will be read, one "On Cholera in Jamaica," by Dr. Gavin Milroy; the other "On a Mode of Treatment of Cholera," by W. J. Cox, Esq.

### APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. Waken has been appointed Surgeon to the Queen's Prison, in the room of Dr. Robert Little Hooper, deceased.

### ROYAL MUNIFICENCE.

Her Majesty has been pleased to grant, out of her privy purse, an annuity of £50 to the widow, now in her seventy-first year, of the late Dr. Robert D. Davis, late of 17, Russell Place, Fitzroy Square, the Physician-Accoucheur in attendance at the birth of her present Majesty. Dr. Davis's decease, it will be remembered, took place in 1841.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

John F. South, Esq., President of the Royal College of Surgeons, and Cæsar Hawkins, Esq., Vice-President of the College, had an interview with Sir George Grey, on Friday last, at the Home Office.

### SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted members on Thursday, Nov. 20th, 1851:—Thomas George Fitzgerald, Army; Charles Christopher Hewitson, Stanhope; Charles James Morris, Hampton-wick; Charles Joseph White, Portsmouth.

Gentlemen admitted members on Thursday, Nov. 27th, 1851:—Frederick William Hart Bayles, Stiffkey, Norfolk; Thomas Hales, Ford Green, Staffordshire; Alfred Wall, Stratford-on-Avon.

### OBITUARY.

November 5th, Joseph Thomas, Esq., surgeon, Wrexham. The deceased was a member of the North Wales Branch of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association.

### 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 Dr. Nelson's lecture in last number, November 26th, at page 649, second column, and sixth line from the bottom, for "INEFFICIENCY" read *efficiency*.—D. N.

### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from A Member of the Provincial Association, E. B., Mr. Duke, Dr. Oke, Dr. Fraser, Dr. Robertson, Observer, Dr. Barclay, Mr. Gall, Mr. Webb, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Jones.

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.