

to improve its management. From some experience in this arduous duty, we believe we have arrived at a knowledge of the causes which have impeded that full success which all have equally at heart, and whether as Editor, or as a member of the Central Council, we shall at all times be ready to give the results of our experience to any Committee, either large or small, which may be empowered to investigate this important element in the success of the Association. But it neither comports with our ideas of professional decorum nor of the character of a gentleman to bandy words in an assemblage of excited partizans.

It is a common proverb that "lookers on see the most of the game," and we therefore are induced to insert the following extract from the leading article of the *Medical Times and Gazette*, which puts the matter in so clear a light, that it is unnecessary for us to do more than thank our *confrère* for his kind and complimentary defence of our position:—

"Admitting the expediency of the Association having its own organ, of which we have some doubts, the question of removal turns entirely on two points—Can the *Journal* be got out cheaper in London, and can its matter be better done? With regard to the first point, no very satisfactory evidence was laid before the meeting. Dr. COWAN stated that the *Journal* could be published in London for £1200 a-year, and Mr. WALSH disputed the fact. With respect to the second point, we take leave to say, that the scientific value of the *Journal* must depend entirely on the members of the Association themselves. The original communications are the mainstay of a scientific journal; and, unless there are good contributors the best Editors in the world would make a mess of it. No one can deny, indeed, the ability of Dr. RANKING and Mr. WALSH; and we doubt whether the Association can procure any Editors in London who are better qualified than these two eminent practitioners. Would, then, the mere publication in London improve and widen the class of original contributors? We doubt it very much. It is the circulation of a journal that draws contribution. Men make known their labours through the medium that gives them the greatest publicity. One speaker said, at the meeting, that good writers, when asked to contribute to the *Journal*, replied, that they "would not bury their articles in that catacomb." But there are journals in London, as well as in Worcester, which are merely decent burying-places for non-viable essays. The experiment has already been tried by the Provincial Association, and proved

to be a failure; the next time it is tried, the result will be the same.

"If the members of the Association do not like their *Journal* to be a "catacomb," let them put into it something that has vigour, and will live. They are the real culprits in this matter, and not those scape-goats—their Editors. We believe that Dr. RANKING and Mr. WALSH have been most unhandsomely treated. We have not hesitated to differ occasionally from the *Provincial Journal*; but we have always had a sincere respect for its Editors. They have, we believe, done all that men could do; but they have been lukewarmly supported by the great body of their members, and have been cramped by want of funds. If the members of the Association want a good journal, they must work for it, and they must pay for it, and then they may publish it, if they like, at the Land's End."

Correspondence.

ON THE CASE OF DOUBLE AMPUTATION REPORTED BY "NIL DESPERANDUM."

To the Editor of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Journal.

SIR,—In a case of double amputation related by "Nil Desperandum," the patient does not appear to have had chloroform administered. Would you ascertain the reason, as I am very much interested, having lately had occasion to perform the operation twice, in neither of which was it deemed advisable to use the remedy. If this should involve much trouble, pray think no more about it.

Yours very truly,

JOHN LAWRENCE, JUN.

[As we have not the address of "Nil Desperandum," we shall be obliged by his answering the above question.—
ED. J.]

Medical Intelligence.

DEATH OF MR. VINCENT.

The medical profession and the public generally will regret to hear that this estimable gentleman expired suddenly on the evening of the 17th instant, at his country house, Woodlands Manor, near Wrotham, Kent. Mr. Vincent commenced the study of the profession under the late Mr. Long, of Lincoln's Inn Fields, and was the last and favourite apprentice of that gentleman; and, at his master's death, succeeded to his practice, which he carried on until a few years since, in the same house, exactly opposite the College of Surgeons. Of this institution he became a member on the 20th of March, 1800; and on the 12th of July, 1822, he was elected a member of the Council, in the vacancy occasioned by the decease of Mr. George Chandler. Previously to this, however, he had been appointed an Assistant-Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, from

which establishment he lately retired as Senior-Surgeon, with the respect and admiration of his colleagues, pupils, and numerous friends, who immediately opened a subscription to present a testimonial of their esteem to a man who had conciliated all parties by the extreme kindness of his disposition, and strict attention in the performance of his duties. On the 5th of January, 1828, Mr. Vincent was elected a member of the Court of Examiners, in the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Thompson Forster; and on the 13th of July, 1832, he was unanimously elected President of the Royal College of Surgeons; in 1840, this honour was again conferred on him; and no doubt many who read this short biographical sketch of the deceased will remember the eloquent tribute paid to him by Mr. Luke, in the last Hunterian Oration. The deceased has left a widow and three sons; the eldest, John Vincent, is a barrister-at-law; the second is the Rev. Osman Vincent; and the youngest, the Rev. Richard Painter Vincent, is the perpetual curate of Woodlands, near Wrotham, Kent; a Church built, and to a great extent endowed, through the instrumentality of the family.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

The following gentlemen were admitted on the 16th instant:—William Edward Ayer, London; George William Calender, Clifton, Gloucestershire; Alexander Mackenzie Edwards, London; Henry James Ellery, Truro, Cornwall; James Hartley, Settle, Yorkshire; John Whitaker Hulke, Deal; George Allan Hutton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Charles Row, Shaldon, Devon; David Augustus Martin Talbot, Wrexall, Somersetshire; George Terry, Northampton.

The following gentlemen were admitted on the 19th instant:—William Bruce Armstrong, Dublin; John Milford Barnett, Belfast; Arthur Cuthbertson Edwards, Vanburgh Fields, Blackheath; Frederick Hall, Lincoln; Robert Knaggs, London; William Jackson Marshall, Ilkinston, Derbyshire; Frederick Moon, London; James William Moorhouse, Australia; William Overend Priestley, Leeds; Otway Buxton Thibou, St. John's, Antigua, West Indies; Thomas Webb, Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire.

The following gentlemen were admitted members on the 23rd instant:—George Allcard, London; David Arthur, Neath, Glamorganshire; Richard B. Benson, Bayswater; Ebenezer Davies, Swansea, Glamorganshire; James Doubleday, Blackfriars Road; Wm. Edmunds, Canterbury; William Greenfield, Belfast; Joseph Kaye, Bombay; Henry John Davis Matthews, Camberwell; Henry Gaitskell Nurse, Montague Place, Islington; Edward Cooper Willis, Leamington, Warwickshire.

The following gentlemen were admitted on the 26th instant:—Thomas Brookes, Whitchurch, Salop; Henry Wm. Prattenton Brydges, New York; Thomas Quiller Couch, Polperro, Cornwall; James William Duffy, Chili, South America; Alfred Edmund Gabriel, Col-lumpton, Devon; Alfred Hedger, South Street, West Square, Southwark; Richard Hosking, Marazion, Cornwall; Henry Osborne, Northampton; Henry Sacheverel Edward Schroeder, Australia; Reginald Bayley Walters, Winchester.

The following gentlemen were admitted on the 28th instant:—Alexander Mundell Champneys, Mile End New Town; Clark Armstone Duckett, Spalding, Lincolnshire; Leopold Beharrell Fox, Shoreditch; Wm. Price Jones, Bala, North Wales; Marten Perry, Aylton Court, Ledbury; John Denning Tucker, Sheepwash, Devon.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted members on the 15th July:—Capel Bringlee, Beccles; John Cautley, Hedon, York-

shire; John Henry Gould, India; Harry May, Staffordshire; Peter Wood Spark; Algeron Sudlow, Weybridge; Charles Whitefield, Barnstaple, Devon.

Gentlemen admitted members on the 22nd July:—Henry Ayliffe, Adelaide, South Australia; Augustus Edward Davies, Rutlin, North Wales; Eugene Burke Durkan, Liverpool; Hanson Evison, Hull; John Wm. Howard, jun.; William Aston Lewis, Alderley; Edmund Shaw, Thatcham, Berks.

APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. Wildbore, of Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square, and Mr. Adams, of Gloucester Crescent, Regent's Park, have lately been appointed medical officers for the western and north-western districts of St. Pancras.

KENT OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL.

Major Wayth has bequeathed £100 to this charity; Miss Waller, of Sandwich, has also presented £20 towards the building fund.

OBITUARY.

July 10th, at Midhurst, Sussex, aged 30, Dr. Gosden, Assistant Staff Surgeon, and late of H.M. 84th Regiment.

July 13th, at Oldham, Thomas Fawsitt, Esq., a very active member of the Association.

BOOKS RECEIVED FOR REVIEW.

On the Anatomy and Physiology of the Male Urethra, and on the Pathology of Strictures of that Canal. By Henry Hancock, F.R.C.S. London: Highley and Son. 1852. pp. 86.

Researches and Observations on Scrofulous Disease of the External Lymphatic Glands; with Cases, showing its connection with Pulmonary Consumption and other Diseases. By Thomas Balman, M.D., M.R.C.S., and L.S.A. London: Longman, Brown, Green, and Longmans. 1851. pp. 189.

The Physical Diagnosis of Diseases of the Abdomen. By Edward Ballard, M.D., Lond. London: Taylor, Walton, and Maberly. 1852. pp. 276.

The Spirometer, the Stethoscope, and Scale Balance; their Use in Discriminating Diseases of the Chest, and their value in Life Offices; with remarks on the Selection of Lives for Life-Assurance Companies. By John Hutchinson, M.D. London: John Churchill. 1852. pp. 75.

The Symptoms and Treatment of the Diseases of Pregnancy. By William John Anderson, F.R.C.S. London: John Churchill. 1852. pp. 119.

The Half-Yearly Abstract of the Medical Sciences. By W. H. Ranking, M.D., Cantab. Vol. XV. January to June, 1852. London: John Churchill. Princes Street, Soho. 1852. pp. 384.

A Practical Treatise on Diseases of the Skin. By J. Moore Neligan, M.D., M.R.I.A. Dublin: Fannin and Co. 1852. pp. 429.

PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

In consequence of the great accession of new members during the present year, the first eight numbers of the volume now in course of publication are out of print.

J. P. SHEPPARD.

Worcester, August 3rd, 1852.

Secretary.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Mr. Yearsley's communication arrived too late for insertion in the present number.