

Directions will be returned. Yours respy Thomas Wilkinson, Land Agent."

I need hardly add, that the recipe is nonsense; and even were it a good prescription, the want of directions for its use would render it valueless to a patient. The offer of a cure therefore for thirteen stamps cannot arise from a delusion on his part as to the efficacy of his nostrum, and is simply a clever method of obtaining money—not certainly for *value received*.

I am, Sir, yours, &c.,

JOHN ROSE CORMACK, M.D.

Essex House, Putney, Dec. 23, 1851.

[We thank Dr. Cormack for his communication. Assuredly the advertisements of Mr. Wilkinson shall not again appear; and, as regards all advertisements vigilance as to their character shall be exerted.—ED. CRITIC.]

Medical Intelligence.

THE HUNTERIAN ORATION.

The Hunterian Oration will be delivered at the Royal College of Surgeons on the 14th of February. Mr. Luke, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Royal College, and Surgeon of the London Hospital, will be the orator on the occasion.

STATISTICS OF THE PROFESSION IN PRUSSIA.

A statistical account of the medical profession has just been published at Berlin. According to that document, there are at present 287 district physicians, 3,266 practitioners, 962 surgeons of the first class, and 973 of the second class. Sum total, 5,488. These figures being put by the side of the amount of population, which was at the last census 16,216,912 souls, will give one physician or surgeon for about 3,000 inhabitants. The number of veterinary surgeons is 828, and the apothecaries amount to 1,478.

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL.

At the last meeting of the Committee of Management of this hospital a letter was read from Mr. W. H. C. Plowden, one of the Directors of the East India Company, announcing his intention of placing at the disposal of that body the appointment of an assistant-surgeon in the Company's service, to be conferred on one of the students of the hospital, who is to be selected for his professional merits and his correct and gentlemanlike conduct. Such a noble and judicious exercise of patronage reflects credit, not only on Mr. Plowden, but also on the Institution which he has thought worthy of his bounty. Were the disposers of the patronage of the East India Company to adopt a course like this more frequently, the result in a few years would be most favourable to the Service, and would exercise a beneficial influence on medical science in India, by introducing into it a number of highly-

educated young men, selected for the appointments specially for their diligence, industry, and medical attainments.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

The following gentlemen were admitted members on the 9th inst.:—Henry Ayliffe, South Australia; Sydney Alder, Wakefield, Yorkshire; William Thomas Bell, Great Grimsby, Lincolnshire; Leonard George Boor, St. George Street, East; William Henry Brodbent, Manchester; William Coyle Dobson, London; Andrew Sexton Gray, Dublin; Thomas William Harle, Bishopstortford, Herts; Edward Coyleton Liddon, Devon; Wm. Geo. Lloyd Ingram, Midhurst, Sussex; Bernard Rice, Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire; Edward H. Swete, Bristol; Aldborough L. Williams, St. Helier's, Jersey.

THE FELLOWSHIP.—The next classical and mathematical examination for the Fellowship of the College will take place during the first week in March. The next professional examination for the distinction will take place in April next.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted members on Thursday, Jan. 1st, 1852:—George Arthur Humble, Ludlow, Shropshire; Joseph Stead, Manchester.

OBITUARY.

On the 3rd instant, James W. Fullerton, Esq., aged 37, surgeon of the *Amazon*, Royal Mail steam-ship.

PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

Gentlemen, ~~will observe~~ observe that the Annual Subscriptions become due on the 1st 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.

Members who wish to propose Associates are reminded, that as the subscription commenced on the first of January, it is the most convenient time to introduce new Associates.

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, January, 1852.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from E. B., Dr. Swayne, Dr. Barclay, Dr. Dickenson, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Reid, Dr. Cooper, A Member, Mr. Cocking.

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.