

arrive or deliver the message. Mr. O. C., tired of waiting, consulted Mr. McG., a chemist and druggist, (Mr. Noble's Poor-law vaccinator,) hence Mr. N's. visit, but I arrived at the house soon after Mr. Noble's departure. I beg to state that the case never was Mr. N's, (but indirectly.) Being of opinion that the case was of a more serious nature than what Mr. Noble represented it to be, I advised Mr. Windsor to be sent for; when her attendants sent for him, he not being aware of Mr. Noble having visited her previously.

Respecting my own qualifications, I would just add, that I have served a regular apprenticeship to the profession, and completed the full course of lectures required by the College of Surgeons, and I intend presenting myself for examination as soon as my circumstances will allow me to do so. The *Medical Times* states, that all persons practising as apothecaries without the Apothecaries' license are irregular practitioners. I am fully convinced that Mr. Noble is in the habit of meeting persons in consultation who have no legal medical qualifications.

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,  
WILLIAM HUGHES.

15, Chatham Street, Piccadilly, Manchester.  
January 30, 1852.

## Medical Intelligence.

### MEDICAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

We are requested by Mr. Newnham to insert the following remarks on the Benevolent Fund and notice of the forthcoming dinner of this charity:—

This fund is truly catholic in its nature, its operation extending to the entire kingdom of Great Britain, and requiring only that the recipients of its bounty be regularly educated medical men or their families, and that they be in distress, and of good moral character.

It is not a provident society, in which a certain subscription constitutes a member, and membership gives a *claim* for relief; but it is purely a charitable institution, and extends its aid to every authenticated case of misery. It is the only society in the kingdom for the *immediate* relief of the temporary embarrassment of medical men, or for those frequent emergencies to which humanity must ever be liable, in spite of the utmost providence and foresight. Its benefits are conferred not simply on medical men themselves, but on their widows and orphans. The *aged* widows, too, are not forgotten, and annuities are granted to these, as circumstances admit, out of the income arising from the donation or accumulating fund; and in this way, wherever, from straitened circumstances, there is embarrassment—wherever sickness has deprived a family of the means of their support—wherever death has left a household in a state of destitution and helplessness, oftentimes in a state of starvation—wherever the sting of misery is to be assuaged, or the feeble efforts of penury are to be encouraged or sustained—and, finally, wherever the bed of death is to be softened, and the last hours of life are to be irradiated by the bright ray

of charity, there is the peculiar sphere of operation of the Medical Benevolent Fund.

London, 46, Princes Street, Soho.

Dear Sir,—I have the pleasure to inform you that the Right Honourable the Earl of Carlisle has consented to preside at the dinner in behalf of the Medical Benevolent Fund, to be held at the London Tavern, on Thursday, the 20th of May, 1852. The Committee will esteem it a favour if you will become a steward on that occasion. The expense is limited to a guinea, the price of a ticket.

I am, dear Sir,  
Yours very faithfully,  
W. NEWNHAM,  
Treasurer and Honorary Secretary of the Fund.

P.S. The Treasurer requests that each individual subscriber will consider the above invitation as sent to himself, and will be obliged by a communication stating if it be the intention of the subscriber to honor the dinner with his presence; or, if without such intention, he would like to take a dinner ticket in aid of the charity.

W. NEWNHAM.

### APPOINTMENTS.

Joseph Toynbee, Esq., has been elected Consulting Aural Surgeon to the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb. It is, we believe, the largest establishment of the kind in the world. This is the first time that any surgeon has been appointed especially to examine the children in reference to their deaf-dumbness, and, we doubt not, that much good to the profession will result from this appointment.

Dr. Shaw, of the Bombay Medical Service, has been appointed Deputy Assay-Master at Madras.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

The examination of candidates for Fellowships, in classics, mathematics, and French, will be held in the first week in March, and the professional examination for Fellowships in the first week in April. The following will be the subjects of examination:—In Classics—Either of the following Greek and Latin authors—Herodotus, book 3; the Iliad, book 6; Virgil's *Æneid*, book 8; and Livy. In Mathematics—arithmetic, algebra, as far as to include the doctrine of proportions and simple equations, with one or two unknown quantities; Euclid, books 1, 2, and 3; hydrostatics, acoustics, and optics. In French—translations into English of passages from one of the French classical writers.

### SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

The following gentlemen were admitted members on Thursday, February 12;—William Maxwell Burham, Wath-upon-Dearne; John Kent Spender, Bath; James Strange Biggs, Devizes, Wilts.

The following gentlemen were also admitted members

on Thursday, February 19:—Thomas John Eames Brown, Dorchester, Dorset; George Samuel Rhodes, Dewsbury, Yorkshire.

### NAVAL PROMOTION.

In consequence of the successful storming of Lagos, Mr. Frederick Foster Morgan, assistant-surgeon, has been promoted to the rank of surgeon. All the medical officers of the squadron were highly commended in the despatch received from Commodore Bruce.

### OBITUARY.

Dec. 11th, at the Indian Valley House, near Auburn, of bilious fever, W. T. Benedict, M.D., formerly of New York city, U.S.

Dec. 13th, in San Francisco, Richard R. Davis, M.D., regently from Syracuse, N.Y., U.S.

Feb. 11th, Charles Packer, Esq., surgeon, of Pitfield Street, Hoxton, aged 44.

Feb. 6th, at 4, Broadway, Westminster, Charles B. Painter, Esq., surgeon.

Feb. 12th, at Edinburgh, Thomas Hogg, Esq., formerly surgeon to the 76th regiment.

Feb. 27th, at Malvern, aged 56, Herbert Cole, Esq., House-Surgeon to the General Infirmary, Worcester.

### BOOKS RECEIVED FOR REVIEW.

On the Natural History, Physiological Action, and Therapeutical Uses of *Colchicum Autumnale*, &c. By Dr. MacLagan. Edinburgh. 1852. pp. 56.

Half-Yearly Abstract of the Medical Sciences. July to December, 1851. Edited by W. H. Ranking, M.D., Cantab. London: John Churchill. 8vo.

The Retrospect of Medicine. Edited by W. Braithwaite, Esq. July to December, 1851. London: Simpkin and Marshall. 8vo.

Medicina Mechanica; or, the Theory and Practice of Active and Passive Exercises and Manipulations. By John A. F. Blundell, M.D. London: Churchill, 1852. 8vo, pp. 292.

The Descriptive and Surgical Anatomy of the Arteries, and Relative Anatomy of the Veins and Nerves of the Human Body. By Joseph Henry Corbett, M.D. London: Taylor, Walton, and Maberly, 1852. 12mo, pp. 355.

On Rupture of the Perineum. By Isaac Baker Brown, F.R.C.S. London: John Churchill. Pamphlet. 1852.

### PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION.

#### SOUTH WESTERN BRANCH.

A special meeting of the South-Western Branch of the Association, will be held on Wednesday, the 10th instant, at the Exeter Dispensary, to consider and discuss the "Draft Bill for Medical Reform," published in the *Journal* of the 21st of January last. The chair will be taken precisely at one o'clock, P.M.

W. D. KINGDON, M.D., Secretary.  
Exeter, February 28, 1852.

### YORKSHIRE BRANCH.

A SPECIAL meeting of the YORKSHIRE BRANCH OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION, was held at the Philosophical Hall, Leeds, on February 26th, for the purpose of considering the "Draft of a Bill for Medical Reform." Present—Dr. Branson, of Sheffield, the President, in the chair; Dr. Chadwick, of Leeds; W. Hey, Esq., Leeds; Caleb Williams, Esq., York; H. Jackson, Esq., Sheffield; J. P. Garlick, Esq., Leeds; William Price, Esq., Leeds; S. Hey, Esq., Leeds; Thos. Nunneley, Esq., Leeds; J. Crosby, Esq., Great Ouseburn; J. I. Ikin, Esq., Leeds; J. Ellerton, Esq., Aberford; William Matterson, jun., Esq., York, Secretary.

After some interesting remarks from the Chairman, the following resolution, proposed by W. HEY, Esq., and seconded by Dr. CHADWICK, was carried unanimously:—

"That this meeting of the Yorkshire Branch of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association, after carefully considering the Draft of the Bill presented to them by the Worcester Council, is of opinion that such Bill represents the general principles previously entertained and constantly advocated by the parent Association; but in order to secure for it the general support of the profession, several modifications in its details will have to be effected."

The meeting then proceeded to examine the several clauses of the Bill, and the following modifications were proposed and adopted, as suggestions for the consideration of the Central Council:—

Clause 3.—That after the appointment of the six members by the Apothecaries' Company, the succeeding appointments to fill up these vacancies as they arise shall be placed in the hands of the Home Secretary.

Clause 9.—That there shall be paid to the members of the several Councils such reasonable expenses incurred by the said members in the performance of their duties under this Act as shall from time to time be allowed by the said several Councils.

Clauses 11 and 12.—That three months instead of one month be adopted.

Clause 17.—That there be a fee, but that "20s." be omitted.

Clause 18.—That so much of the clause as follows the word "direct" be omitted; and that a portion of clause 19 be appended to it, omitting the Medical Provident Fund.

Clause 22.—There is an omission of other recognized Colleges in Scotland and Ireland.

Clause 23.—That surgical operations be inserted.

Clause 25.—That all unqualified persons be prevented giving evidence in Courts of Law.

Clause 34.—Not to omit other recognized Colleges in Scotland and Ireland.

Clause 39.—That it is questionable whether this clause should be retained.

WM. MATTERSON, JUN., Secretary.

York, February 27, 1852.

### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Mr. Soden, Oculus Apertus, Medicus, Mr. Perceval, Mr. Collison, Mr. Foote, and Dr. Barker.