

ten dollars each he could easily reduce the whole of them, and enable the individuals to walk and otherwise resume their functions with pristine energy. The principal theatre of his operations was a bar-room, and it was said he often had recourse to the jolly god at the bar-room between his manipulations. He generally began by setting every toe and finger in the body before he arrived at the principal joint to be reduced, so that it was no uncommon thing for him to say that he had reduced twenty or thirty bones in one individual, who never before knew that he had a single dislocated bone. And still the gaping multitude looked on and actually believed that he performed all these miracles, and really found every bone dislocated which he pulled upon. Even the evidence of the senses was disregarded, and some who had actual dislocations for years, which could never be reduced, were declared to be restored, although they walked as lame after the operation as before. At this very time there are some who continue to believe that he performed all that he professed to do, although they now, at the distance of almost three years, walk as lame as ever. But the great body of the people are now fully convinced of his charlatanic imposture; and, were he to visit us again to-morrow, he probably would not find half a dozen dupes to operate upon, although it is believed he carried away more than one hundred dollars from this village for his services for a little more than half a day. It is said he never visits the same place a second time on account of his impostures.

He visited Mrs. M. N., the patient whose limb we dissected, at Bloody-brook, and told her that her hip was dislocated, and that he could easily reduce it. He accordingly attempted it, and put her to excessive torture, and declared that he had set the bone, for which he was paid ten dollars; and, as he said this was a very bad case, he must have ten dollars more, which her husband promised to pay when the patient entirely recovered. The above dissection abundantly proved the accuracy of his prognostications and the success of his operations, and how completely he reduced the dislocated thigh!—*American Journal of Medical Science*.

PAROCHIAL MEDICAL RELIEF.

MR. HARVEY of Castle Hedingham has forwarded to us a letter on this subject, in which he advocates the following measures:—

1. In order to remedy the inconveniences caused by the present extent of the districts, persons who are unable to pay for medical attendance should be entitled to apply to one of the nearest legally authorised medical practitioners, the latter to be remunerated by the board of guardians; if the case be serious, or likely to prove so, the patient to be immediately sent to the union-house, and in no instance is the surgeon, first called, to keep the patient in his own hands for more than seven days.

2. There should be several wards in every union-house, appropriated solely to the use of the sick.

3. Each union-house should have a surgeon and

assistant-surgeon, who should be restricted from private practice.

4. The present assistant poor-law commissioners to be replaced by a number of medical inspectors, (say twelve.)

We have not thought it necessary to print Mr. Harvey's letter in full, because the points referred to by him have been completely discussed in the "Poor-law report of the Provincial Association," the concluding part of which was published in No. 45 of this Journal. We cannot recommend too strongly to the attention of our medical brethren this able and important document.

LITERARY INTELLIGENCE.

WE are glad to perceive that Dr. Carpenter of Bristol is about to publish a Second Edition of his Principles of General and Comparative Physiology. We believe that a work on human physiology will shortly appear from the pen of the same deservedly popular writer.

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