

## A MODERN MIRACLE MONGER.

WE extract the following curious *morceau* from a late number of the *Gateshead Observer*, in which it appeared as an advertisement. Just published, "A Faithful Record of the Miraculous Case of Mary Jobson, by W. Reid Clanny, M.D. Miracles are appeals to our senses as doctrines are to our reason. The proper effect of a miracle is to mark in a clear and distinct manner the Divine interposition—and must have characters to indicate such interposition. The *criteria* of miracles have been considered to be as follows. A fact or event, to be miraculous, must have an important end or design worthy of its author. It must be instantaneously and publicly performed, and the effects so visible, as to be observable by numbers, in order that the witnesses may be enabled to form a correct opinion or judgment. It must be independent of second causes. Miracles are proofs of Divine approbation as well as Divine power—besides, Divine power never can be supposed to contradict the Divine will. Miracles are of such a nature as to bear the strictest examination, and have all the *criteria* necessary to distinguish them from the delusions of enthusiasm, or the artifices of imposture. They must also be plain and indisputable facts, which shall convey their own meaning, and carry with them their own authority. They must be objects of sense, such as an impostor would not attempt, and an enthusiast could not effect. They must be withal so palpable and certain, that mockers and scoffers shall not be able to turn effectually their ridicule against them. The intelligent inquirer is desired to apply these criteria to the miraculous case of Mary Johnson, by discoursing with any of the twelve respectable witnesses whose name and residences will be found in the body of 'The Record' above mentioned."

Perhaps some of our friends in the North would forward to us Dr. Clanny's pamphlet. Has the learned gentleman established himself in opposition to Prince Hoehenloe?

## THE NEWCASTLE MEDICAL SCHOOL.

THE winter-session of the Newcastle Medical School will commence on the 1st of October. This institution, it may not be generally known, is an integral portion of the London University. Its pupils are qualified to proceed direct to the university, and compete for the honours and privileges which it is empowered to confer. They are also privileged to present themselves at Apothecaries' Hall and in the College of Surgeons, London, immediately at the close of their studies in Newcastle, and submit themselves to examination for licenses to practise. We need hardly enlarge on the advantages, moral and economical, of a school which thus enables the youth of Newcastle and its neighbourhood to pursue their medical education under competent professors, during the progress of their apprenticeship; but we would add a word or two to the non-medical public, on the benefits which *they* may derive from this excellent provincial institution. The *WHOLE* of the lectures may be attended with advantage by persons who are not

destined for the medical profession; but *SOME* of them are more especially suitable for *general* pupils. Mr. Thornhill has for some time been connected with the Medical School as professor of botany and vegetable physiology; and now, Mr. Snape of the Royal Grammar School, and Mr. King of the Museum, have been added to the establishment—the former as professor of mathematics and natural philosophy, and the latter as professor of geology. We may thus be said to have realized, in some degree, the attainment of a university in Newcastle. We have within ourselves an institution which is an honour to the locality, and which, we hope, will be duly prized by the inhabitants, and adequately supported.—*Gateshead Observer*.

## NEW REMEDY FOR LEPRO.

A NEW medicinal substance has been sent from South America to the Academy of Medicine, which is said to be a specific against lepra. It costs, however, forty pounds (?) an ounce. Some experiments were made with it at Guadaloupe on a leprous girl, seventeen years of age, but just as the disease was on the point of being cured, the powder was all used.—*Gaz. Med.*

## UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW.

DR. WILLIAM THOMSON of Edinburgh has been appointed Professor of the Practice of Physic to the University of Glasgow, in the room of Dr. Badham, who has resigned.

## M. DIEFFENBACH.

HIS Majesty the King of the French has recently forwarded the Cross of the Legion of Honour to M. Dieffenbach.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

THE Secretaries of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association inform the members that the *PROVINCIAL JOURNAL* will in future be forwarded, free of expense, to all members of the Association whose subscriptions are not in arrear. To enable the secretaries to meet the expense of this arrangement, it is absolutely necessary that the subscriptions be punctually paid; the *JOURNAL* cannot be supplied to those members who neglect to forward their subscriptions.