

AN ERROR OF MEMORY.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL JOURNAL.

GENTLEMEN,—Would an apothecary be pardoned for his presumption in correcting a learned M.D.? Dr. Fosbroke writes—

“Man convinced against his will
Is of the same persuasion still.”

If Dr. Fosbroke will look into “Hudibras,” Part III, Canto iii, he will find—

“He who complies against his will
Is of his own opinion still.”

I am Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
FRANCIS DAVIES.

Pershire, Jan. 3, 1842.

LEEDS DISPENSARY.

We regret to learn that, in consequence of severe indisposition, Dr. Hunter, the senior physician of the Leeds Public Dispensary, has been compelled to resign the post which he has held from the first establishment of the institution some eighteen or nineteen years ago, so much to the satisfaction of the trustees, and to the advantage of the charity. We learn from Dr. Hunter's letter of resignation, which was read at the board on Wednesday, that more than 50,000 patients have been admitted since the foundation of the dispensary, of which number not fewer than 13,000 have been under the Doctor's especial care; a fact from which the public will readily appreciate the value of his services to the institution; and when it is stated that upwards of 3,000 patients per annum are now relieved at a cost of from £500 to £600 a year only, it affords strong evidence of the utility of the charity.

—*Leeds Intelligencer*.

ACCIDENT TO MR. WAKLEY.

An accident occurred to Mr. Wakley, the coroner, on Tuesday last; but we are happy to say that the worthy functionary is not seriously injured. “As he was returning from the St. Pancras Workhouse, where he had been holding an inquest, accompanied by Mr. Erasmus Wilson, a surgeon accoucheur and his clerk, on arriving opposite the Southampton Arms, Camden Town, his horses suddenly took fright, and, turning round into the Hampstead-road, dashed on to the pathway against some palings, and started off at full speed. By desire of Mr. Wakley they all kept their seats, but not without that gentleman thinking that inevitable death awaited them. On arriving, however, at the toll-gate, where two large posts were fixed, the furious animals were stopped by being jammed in. By the sudden shock the coachman was thrown to the ground, but sustained no injury. The coroner's right arm was bruised, but the rest escaped unhurt. The posts were broken down and the vehicle shattered to atoms.”—*The Times*.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN LONDON.

List of Gentlemen admitted Members on Friday, Dec. 31, 1841.

Vernon Francis Eusom, Henry Weld, Henry Newman, Charles Nicol Sissmore, John Leigh, John Humpage, William Chas. Fredk. Brookes, Thomas Leonard.

Friday, January 7, 1842.

John Underwood, John Lindley Murray, Lutley Pugsley, William Shacklock, Norman John Moore, John William Mountgay, George Robert Van Freer, James Harrison, Thomas Selby Little.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Retrospect of Practical Medicine and Surgery, No. IV., by W. Braithwaite, Surgeon to the Leeds Eye Infirmary. London: Simpkin and Co.

Further Observations on Medical Reform, by J. Kidd, M.D., Regius Professor of Medicine in the University of Oxford. London: Churchill.

The Registrar General's Third Annual Report of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in England, with Appendices. London, 1841.

The Quarterly Journal of Meteorology and Physical Science. No. 1.

Recherches sur les Maladies des Organes Urinaires et Génetaux, considérées spécialement chez les hommes agés, entièrement fondé sur des nouvelles observations, par Auguste Mercier. Paris, 1841.

Lettre a M. le Docteur Civile, par Auguste Mercier. Paris: 1841.

On Rheumatism in its Various Forms, and on the Affections of Internal Organs, more especially the Heart and Brain, to which it gives rise, by Roderick Macleod, M.D., Physician to St. George's Hospital. London: Longman and Co., 1842.

CORRESPONDENTS.

G. A.—The cause of delay must rest with the Post-office. “The Provincial Medical Journal” is posted every Friday, before five o'clock, to each member of the Association. Although the circulation of the Journal has increased considerably of late, no alteration has been made as to the period of publication.

The Kentish Shylock has been paid his bill of £2 14s. 6d. He would not be put off. Our correspondent should publish the name and address of his medical dun.

The communications of Dr. Hocken, Dr. Knight, and several other correspondents in our next.

Letters and communications have been received from Mr. Allen, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Walker (Manchester), Mr. Hill, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Ray, Mr. Bulley, A Student of Guy's Hospital, H. M. H., and Amicus.

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