

able; but his estimates of the sums per head and per case, as might be expected from a poor-law commissioner, are below those of the medical witnesses. He proposes that the payment *per head* for the pauper list should be within the limits 2s. and 3s., and the average payment *per case*, between 6s. and 7s. 6d., apparently including remuneration for distance. He, however, admits the propriety of extra charges for fractures and capital operations, which he estimates at 3*l.* 3s. and 5*l.* 5s.

REMUNERATION OF MEDICAL MEN IN ITALY.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL JOURNAL.

GENTLEMEN,—In your last number you mentioned, on the authority of a writer in "Blackwood's Magazine," the amount of salary paid to the town-physicians of Spoleto and Macerata. It would, however, be erroneous to suppose that these medical men are salaried by the commune, merely to attend to the wants of the *pauper class*. Any resident in the town has a right to claim their services without remuneration, although they frequently receive fees from their more wealthy patients. In passing through Terni, in the year 1838, the master of the excellent *Hôtel de l'Europe*, who had discovered my profession, requested me to prescribe for a poor woman employed in his house, and stated as his excuse for the application, that she could obtain no attention from the town physician, who was in the habit of neglecting patients of an inferior class, from whom he could expect no additional remuneration. He then told me that the *only* physicians in Terni were those appointed by the government and paid by the city, and he mentioned the amount of salary they received, which was even more liberal than that paid at Spoleto and Macerata.

My informant complained bitterly of the want of skill and attention displayed by these civic doctors, and of the absence of other medical advice. And we may well believe his complaints were founded in reason, unless these appointments were exceptions to the general rule of favouritism which prevails throughout the Papal dominions, where the protection of a cardinal or a countess is a far more powerful recommendation to office than talent and merit. I make these observations in order to prevent your readers from drawing an unfounded comparison between the medical *employés* of Italy, and our own "union doctors."

I am, gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
VIATOR.

Nov. 16, 1841.

THE FASTING IMPOSTOR.

MR. BERNARD CAVANAGH, who has been levying contributions on the credulity of the public, both in Ireland and this country, on the pretence of fasting for an indefinite period of time, has met

with a slight check in the county of Berkshire. "The Lord (according to his own statement) caused him to be hungry, and he did eat."

The fact is, that Mr. Cavanagh was detected in the act of laying in a store of fat ham and other creature comforts, with a patch on his nose and a bandage over his eye. On being brought before the magistrates, he was sentenced to three months' hard labour at the tread-mill, as a rogue and a vagabond. The exercise will, probably, restore the gentleman's appetite completely.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN LONDON.

List of Gentlemen admitted Members on Friday, November 19, 1841.—William Cooper, John Harricks, Frances Tambllyn Nicholas, Peter Lavelle, Thomas Hugh Hesketh Davies, James Alexander, Arthur Sargeant, John Gay, George Lumley Thorne, George Murray Humphry, John Young Godwin.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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Page 129, col. 2, line 10, *after* "disposition" insert "to scab."

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