

"Oh! do not say that doctor's stuff
 Could cure my woesome ills;
 Or think that ever health is found
 In potions or in pills.
 No noisome draught could bring relief,
 No drug my fever quell;
 Health, rosy maid, like Truth, is found
 In the bottom of a well."

"O, Peter dear! fine water'd silks
 I've often seen, 'tis true;
 Of watery setting suns I've heard,
 And watery suchet too.
 If with a watery lover I
 Must make myself content,
 I'll to the Coldstreams go, and choose
 One from that regiment."

"Dear Mary Bell, no words can tell
 How sorely I'm amaz'd;
 And can you a wet blanket throw
 Upon the hopes you've raised?
 For, were I pump'd upon all day,
 And drench'd with water too,
 It never would put out the flame
 That burns so bright for you."

"If you get well, O, Peter Head,
 Go seek a maid more bold:
 I fear you'd be so very damp,
 You'd always give me cold.
 A widow, too, I soon should be;
 For one who does such deeds
 As almost drinking rivers dry,
 Would leave me in the weeds."

Then down he hung his dripping head—
 He closed his watery eye;
 And, wrapping close his cold damp sheet,
 He turned him round to die:—
 "Farewell," he said; "when Peter Head
 Is gone, you'll know his merits!"
 And so he left this watery world,
 For another world of spirits.

FRENCH INSTITUTE.—ELECTION OF M. RAYER.

M. Rayer has been elected member of the Academy of Sciences (section of agriculture) by a majority of forty-one votes in fifty-six.

MEDICAL MEMBER.

Dr. Boyd, the newly-elected member for Coleraine, is, we believe, a member of the medical profession.

OBITUARY.

At Bristol, Richard Smith, Esq., senior surgeon to the infirmary.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

War-office, February 17, 1843.

33rd Foot—Assistant-surgeon W. Miah Murphy, from the 1st West India Regiment, to be assistant-surgeon, vice M'Donald, promoted.

46th—Surgeon James Duncanson, M.D., from the 1st West India Regiment, to be surgeon, vice Michael Galeani, who retires upon half-pay.

1st West India Regiment—Assistant-surgeon John M'Coy M'Donald, from the 33rd, to be surgeon, vice Duncanson.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN LONDON.

Members admitted Friday, February 17, 1843.

W. Thom, S. H. Steele, R. Brown, T. D. Martin, J. G. Sproston, H. Gavin, J. Growse, A. C. Ayres, R. Nugent, G. Allen, C. H. Duck, W. J. Bryant.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Treatment of the Diseases of the Eye by Means of Prussic Acid Vapor, &c., by A. Turnbull, M.D. London: Churchill, 1843. pp. 89.—[It is useless for this personage to send his pamphlets to us. However inclined the editors of the "Gazette" and "Lancet" may be to countenance his *puffs*, the editors of this Journal will never so far forget what is due to the profession as to notice any communication from such a quarter.]

A System of Clinical Medicine. By Robert James Graves, M.D. Dublin: Fannin and Co., 1843. 8vo. pp. 938.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Scarboro'.—The circular has been received; we shall take care that the *president* sees it.

H. L. S.—They profess to examine in the first four books; whether selections be permitted or not, we cannot say.

The *Leeds Journal* and the communication on *phrenomagnetism* have been received. We are unwilling, except under special circumstances, to occupy our space with a notice of the gentry who have taken up this new branch of industry.

Mr. Miller's case of Catalepsy shall appear in our next.

Mildenhall.—The laws relative to the practice of medicine are all in disuse, and any one may practice with a continental degree, or take of a ship, if it so please him and the owners of the craft.

Irish Medical Charities.—We have received a copy of *Mr. French's* bill, but it is unnecessary to occupy our space by an analysis of it, as there is no prospect whatever that *Mr. French's* bill will pass through the House of Commons.

ERRATA.

In last Number, p. 408, col. 2 (in note to *Dr. Hopper's* article), for "*jainais*," read *jamais*; for "*vupareille*," read *vu pareille*.

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