

PURULENT DISCHARGE FROM THE EAR.

In cases of chronic external otitis, accompanied by discharge of pus, Professor Berard recommends the following treatment:—

1. Remove any accumulated mucus from the external auditory passage by simple injections of tepid water.
2. Inject, thrice a-day, a decoction of the leaves of the walnut tree, and let the patient drink three cups daily of an infusion of the same leaf.
3. Purge occasionally with the sulphate of magnesia, and let the diet be nutritious.—*Ibid.*

MEMBERS OF THE COLLEGE AND HALL  
DESERVE EQUAL PRIVILEGES WITH  
EXOTIC M.D.'s.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL  
JOURNAL.

GENTLEMEN,—I was rather surprised, upon reading a letter written by "Medicus," in the last number of your Journal, to find that although he named the graduates of Edinburgh, Dublin, Glasgow, Paris, and Berlin, as being in every way deserving of public confidence, and called upon them to exert their influence against any encroachment that the projected new charter of the London College of Physicians might make upon their privileges, yet that he excluded those who have graduated in the universities of Aberdeen and St. Andrew's, thus leading to the supposition that these latter universities are inferior to those other more favored dispensers of medical honors. Myself a graduate of none, I have no personal interest in defending either; but I hate monopoly of all kinds. These two universities have each an undisputed right to grant degrees in medicine; the course of study required of candidates for their diploma is quite as extended, and their examinations quite as stringent, as at least any of the other *Scottish or Irish* universities; and, therefore, I cannot in justice see why their graduates should not have, in every respect, the same privileges conceded to them, and equally possess the esteem and confidence of the public.

It is far from my intention to discuss the propriety or impropriety of palming the bantlings of these several universities upon the public as the legitimate offspring of the London College of Physicians. It is more than possible that, as I studied some time in the north, not three winters ago, I may undervalue the examinations for medical degrees given at some of these universities; but of this I am sure, that if the examination submitted to candidates for the degree of Doctor of Medicine, at either of the universities of Aberdeen or St. Andrew's, is not more strict (by this I mean more difficult) than the one usually given at one of the above specified universities, we may cease to wonder at the number of M.D.'s which are let loose upon society, as that honorable title is far more easily attainable than the less pretending but far more creditable diplomas of the London College of Surgeons and the Society of Apothecaries; and the members of these bodies have, I imagine, an equal right to seek admission into the fostering bosom of

the *Alma Mater* in Pall-mall as graduates of such a university.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A LICENTIATE OF THE HALL, &c.

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MEDICAL INTELLIGENCE.

The Prussian government is about to establish a children's hospital at Berlin, under the direction of Drs. Schaitzer and Levinstein.

The minister of public instruction in France contemplates, it is said, the creation of a professorship of medical jurisprudence in the School of Law.

Our respected contemporary, the "*Gazette Médicale de Paris*," informs its readers that the late meeting of the British Association was held at *Bost* in Ireland.

Dr. Fournier, the author of a well known work on diseases of the chest, has recently fallen a victim to pulmonary consumption; he died a short time since in Italy.

Dr. West, another young physician, much esteemed in Paris, has terminated his existence by suicide. He divided the femoral artery.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

\*\*\* *It is requested that letters and communications may be addressed to Dr. Hennis Green, 58, Margaret-street, Cavendish-square. Letters connected with the Provincial Association, to Dr. Streeten, Worcester.*

A correspondent requests our opinion on the following case:—"Suppose a medical officer, attached to an union under the poor-law commissioners, be, by the relieving officer, requested to attend a midwifery patient, and the medical officer has several times visited the patient, and, after two days' attendance, another medical gentleman (without the knowledge of the medical officer of the union) be, by the friends of the pauper, called in, should you or not consider the medical officer of the union, under such circumstances, obliged (as far as the poor-law medical regulations interfere) to continue his attendance?—[We are decidedly of opinion that the union medical officer should not resign the charge of any pauper committed to his care until the proper authorities direct him to do so.]

We are glad to find that the "*Medical Student's Guide and Almanac*," which we recently noticed, has been extensively patronised by members of the Association. This is but a fair return to the publisher for much unrequited labor in their service.

P. S.—We intend to notice the work next week.

Mr. Humpage's reply to Dr. Ashburner, and the letter from *A Member*, shall appear next week.