

seventeen days, but the joint was cured in a shorter time. I have seen the patient since his discharge, and the knee continues perfectly well."—*Journal de Médecine*.

MEDICAL REFORM.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL JOURNAL.

GENTLEMEN,—As the sub-committee of the medical profession find it difficult to procure the names of country practitioners, so as to be able to forward to them copies of the "Address to the Medical Profession," I have been directed to solicit the favor, through your Journal, of requesting gentlemen residing in provincial towns to forward names of medical gentlemen, with their addresses, to whom they think copies ought to be sent.

Letters to be directed "To the Secretary of the Committee of the Medical Profession," Crown and Anchor, Strand, London.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. SIMPSON, Hon. Sec.

March 4, 1844.

STATUE OF VERSALIUS.

The Belgians are about to erect a bronze statue in honor of Versalius in one of the squares of Brussels. The statue will cost £1040.

OPERATION FOR SQUINT.

The Academy of Sciences, Paris, has, after mature consideration, decided that the operation for strabismus is one which should be allowed to take a place, definitively, in the practice of surgery. The Academy has, therefore, awarded a prize of £120 to M. Stromeyer for having first devised and tried the operation on the dead body, in 1838; and a similar prize of £120 to M. Dieffenbach, for having been the first who performed the operation on the living subject, in 1839.

LITERARY INTELLIGENCE.

In the press, and shortly will be published, by Messrs. Longman and Co., a work on "MEDICAL AND SURGICAL EMERGENCIES," giving a brief view of the treatment of such cases as demand immediate medical aid.

TRANSPLANTATION OF CANCER.

It has long been a question whether cancerous disease is contagious. Gooch gives one case of a girl who had an obstinate ulcer on her tongue, after drinking water impregnated with cancerous matter, and who had cancer many years afterwards; and Mr. Mayo another of a man with malignant disease of the penis, which might possibly have been communicated from his wife. But these cases cannot be considered as conclusive;

more especially as experiments made to propagate cancer by inoculation with its discharge have repeatedly failed. Whether the discharge however is contagious or not, Langenbeck has shown, that if the cancer cells are injected into the blood, they may take root and propagate themselves. He injected some soft matter from a medullary tumor into the femoral artery of a dog; and on killing the animal, nine weeks afterwards, two or three circular, flattened, light blue tumors, exactly resembling medullary sarcoma in man, were found on the surfaces of both lungs.—*Druitt's Vade-Mecum*.

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.*

Wells, Somerset.—A Member is informed that the members of the Provincial Association are not entitled to any copies of the Registrar General's Report.

Mr. Henry Greenup.—The case detailed by our correspondent, in which a brother practitioner charged him £15 10s. for attendance, is an example of shabbiness which we believe to be rare; but, as the affair is a private one, we cannot interfere.

A Member (Bristol.)—The practice of one professional man unfairly tampering with the patient of another cannot be too strongly condemned. We cannot, however, occupy our columns with private disputes. The best thing B. can do is to pull the interloper's nose and teach him manners, since he cannot improve his morals.

Aberdeen.—We have received several letters commenting on the proposed incorporation of graduates in medicine with the College of Physicians. The terms on which graduates from the Scotch and Irish universities are to be admitted, under the new bill, into the London College, are understood to be as follows. During the first year they will be permitted to incorporate themselves with the College of Physicians, without examination and a payment of about £30. It is probable that very few physicians residing in the country will avail themselves of this empty honor.

A Member (Sheffield).—We thank our correspondent for his offer, which we decline.

A Reformer.—We agree with R., that the unseemly quarrels of the editor of the "Lancet," with persons who ought to have been altogether beneath his notice, are calculated to impede the progress of medical reform, at least in the metropolis. It was most injudicious to mix up matters of private jealousy with a public question. Respectable men keep aloof from scenes only fit for the atmosphere of Billingsgate, and quiet men avoid association with persons who seem to be unacquainted with any of the decencies of social life, and can only be restrained by the fear of bodily chastisement or the sword of the law.

Communications from Dr. Sandwith, A Member, and A Graduate of Glasgow, have been received.