

said to enjoy perfect health; and, in the second year of his course as a lecturer on the practice of physic, he gradually gave way under the privation of needful rest and recreation, to which he submitted in the conscientious endeavour to fulfil to the utmost his obligations to his pupils; whilst, at the same time, discharging the duties of physician to two hospitals.

Examples of this kind, we fear, will in vain be held up to deter others from entering on the same fatal course. Urged on by the strong pressure of necessity, or by the lofty ambition of a noble mind, fresh victims will still rush forward, ready to sacrifice life itself, in pursuit of the very means of living."

GLOUCESTERSHIRE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

We were not aware when we inserted, last week, the second statement of the Medical Officers of the Gloucester Infirmary, that this document had been printed and circulated in the neighbourhood, and that a reply from the Association, being an extract of the proceedings of the quarterly meeting, held at Newnham, had also been published. We cannot now give insertion to this reply, but it is due to Mr. Wilton to say, that the Association expressed themselves perfectly satisfied as to the accuracy of his statement, and that with respect to the question of voting by the medical officers, letters from three of the Governors present on the occasion were read, from which it appeared, that the impression of these gentlemen had been, that the medical officers did vote at the meeting of the Weekly Board. These letters we have since had an opportunity of seeing, and however the misunderstanding on this point may have arisen, there can be no question but that they fully confirm the account originally given by Mr. Wilton.

HOMŒOPATHY, &c., AT A DISCOUNT!

A new reformer in medicine, *Ernest Mahner* by name, has sprung up in Leipsic. The prophet is foreshadowed even in his external appearance. He pretends that he has discovered, or at least brought to light again, the original and primitive Hygiène; and he has already committed to print a portion of his grand panacea. Abstracting himself from all former medical theories, he rejects alike allopathy and homœopathy; the nearest thing he comes to is hydropathy. It is his innate conviction, that by the adoption of his purely "Natural System," physic and physicians will henceforth be superfluous. That the man possesses a clear understanding, some wit, and is a ready speaker, we cannot deny; he lectures to crowds of students in *convictorio*, and at times also in the Rosenthal. If he is to be believed, he has made personal trial of his doctrines; for a time he dwelt in the wilds of America: at another, for the purpose of strengthening his system, he practised daily swimming in the sea in the month of January, during a sojourn at Calais; he also took long walks, stark naked, during a keen frost; lay amongst grass covered with hoar frost, &c., and all this for the purpose of testing to the utmost the powers of resistance of nature. In a word, his system may be described as emphatically "a hardening one."—*Algemeine Zeitung für Chirurgie, &c.*

This system, in part at least, has long been in practice in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, a visit to which would assuredly rejoice the heart of Herr Mahner. Even in some of the southern parts of the island, we do not despair of finding converts; the more striking his propositions, the more readily will he find such. *L'homme est de glace aux vérités. Il est de feu pour le mensonge.*—*London and Edinburgh Monthly Journal of Medical Science.*

CHARTER OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

A petition has been presented to the House of Commons from Mr. Guthrie, praying to be heard by Counsel at the bar of the House against the Charter lately granted to the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

A petition has also been presented on the subject of the Charter, on the part of the Medical Officers of the East India Company's Service. Colonel Fox, who presented this petition, gave notice of his intention to move for a copy of the correspondence which had taken place between the Government, Sir William Burnett, and others, with reference to this Charter, more particularly as far as the East India Company's Medical Officers are concerned.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Gentlemen admitted Members on Friday, July 26th, 1844:—W. Monsoll; J. G. Grylls; J. J. Littlewood; G. W. Lillies; R. K. Pierce; R. Millar; J. Sole; G. Williams; H. C. Lucas; H. Edmonds.

PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

The time for holding the anniversary now rapidly approaches, and the necessary information respecting the days of meeting, the time of holding the meetings, order of proceedings, and other particulars will be found in last week's number of the Journal, p. 262.

The Retrospective Address will be read by Dr. Cowan, of Reading, on Thursday morning, August 8th; the Retrospect of Anatomy and Physiology by Dr. W. Budd, of Bristol, on the previous evening.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF DR. DALTON.—We regret to announce the sudden death of the celebrated chemist and philosopher, the venerable Dr. Dalton, of Manchester, whose decease took place at an early hour on Saturday morning. He had been in comparatively good health a few minutes previously. Dr. Dalton was in the 78th year of his age.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Mr. Rumsey; the Birmingham Pathological Society; Sir John Fife; Mr. C. H. Higgins; Mr. C. R. Hall; and Mr. Crosse.