TO THE HON. THE COMMONS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

The Petition of the undersigned Physicians, Surgeons, and Apothecaries of Leamington, Warwick, and the surrounding districts.-

HUMBLY SHEWETH,-

That your petitioners, whilst they hail with satisfaction those portions of Sir James Graham's proposed "Medical Reform Bill," which they believe will tend to exalt the character of their profession, have read with deep regret, and one feeling of disappointment, that clause in the bill which, by repealing existing protective enactments, and removing all restrictions from the practice of medicine, would open the profession to any individual, however uneducated or unqualified.

That your petitioners recognize, in the legal qualification at present required in those who would practice medicine or surgery, a necessary guarantee to the public that such practitioners are competent to undertake the highly responsible and arduous duties of their profession, and a just protection to those who, by diligent study, and at a very great expense, have thus qualified themselves.

That, as in framing the proposed Bill, it has been considered expedient that certain qualifications shall be required in those few members of the profession who may be appointed to any public situations, your petitioners would humbly submit to the consideration of your Honourable House, the more urgent necessity of affording to the public in general, in the far more extensive field of private practice, the same protection, which has been, very wisely, thought necessary for the inmates of hospitals and workhouses.

That a result, which your petitioners feel assured would be deeply deplored by your Honourable House, would inevitably follow the passing of the Bill in its present form, viz.: a retrograde movement in medical science in this country, and the ultimate destruction of the respectability of the profession.

Your petitioners, therefore, now appeal to your Honourable House, in the confidence that their interests and the public good will be duly considered at your hands, and they respectfully, but earnestly, entreat that, if it be deemed expedient to repeal the Act of 1815, your Honourable House will see the justice of enacting some other law whereby the public may be protected, and the interests and honour of the medical profession efficiently maintained.—And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Gentlemen admitted Members on Friday, August 23rd, 1844:-G. Leith; J. F. Rowlands; B. H. Costerton; T. Palmer; J. Rider; J. H. Dwyer; W. G. Sedgwick; R. Brent.

SYDENHAM SOCIETY.

The writer of a letter from Walsall will find that the report of the Sydenham Society is circulated with the Volume of Sydenham's Works recently issued.

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Kept at Sidmouth,	
By W. H. Cullen, M.D., SURGEON	т.
Mean of External Thermometer at 9 A.M.	
the Maxima,	69.18
Minima,	54.40
Mean daily range. 14.70	
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Mean of Barometer at 9 A.M	29.905
P.M	30.291
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REMARKS.

The mean of External Thermometer for eight preceding years, 62.53,

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The Educational and Subsidiary Provisions of the Birmingham Royal School of Medicine and Surgery, set forth in a Letter to the Rev. Dr. Samuel Wilson Warneford, LL.D. &c. By the Rev. Vaughan Thomas B.D., Vicar of Stoneleigh, Warwickshire. Oxford: 1843. 8vo., pp. 65.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Dr.Jeffreys; Mr. H. Dayman; Mr. John Gardner; Dr. Oke; Mr. F. Cox; A Parent with Sons to educate; Mr. J. Walker; Dr. Cullen; Mr. H. Smith, of Southam; Dr. A. W. Davis; Mr. Druitt; Dr. Robertson; and Dr. John Lee.