

3rdly. With regard to the denial of the two Physicians and three Surgeons of the Infirmary, that they voted in support of those resolutions of the weekly Board, which rescinded the permission granted to the Association; this meeting, while admitting the literal truth of that denial, can only express its regret that these gentlemen should have condescended to resort to expedients, which enabled them, without incurring personal liability, to defeat the intentions of the Association, and to exclude it from the Infirmary.

4thly. With regard to their assertion that the ultimate decision of the Governors was not instigated or promoted by the Medical Officers, this Meeting is reluctantly compelled to re-affirm the third resolution passed at the last Quarterly Meeting, it being obvious that the Governors of the Infirmary would not have recalled the permission granted in October, and cordially confirmed in February, had not they perceived that such permission was offensive to certain of their Medical Officers. And with respect to the proceedings at the last Quarterly Board, on which the Medical Officers have laid some stress, it is well known that the Governors present on that occasion negatived the discussion of the question, not because they felt any objection to professional meetings for scientific purposes being held in the Infirmary, but because they were resolved to avoid a collision with so large a majority of their Medical Staff.

5thly. With regard to the opinion again expressed by the Medical Officers, that such Meetings, if allowed at the Infirmary, should take place under the regulations of the Medical Board of the Institution, this meeting does not hesitate to declare, that had those Medical Officers complied with the request of the Association for their aid and co-operation, and had they become members, their wishes and opinions with regard to the regulations of its Meetings at the Infirmary, would have been received with all the deference and attention due to their official position; but that, not having joined the Association, they were obviously unqualified to interfere with its proceedings, and could never have been permitted so to do.

6thly. At the conclusion of the reply of the Physicians and Surgeons, it is observed that they fear not to ask the Association (among other parties) "whether the conduct they have pursued is not what any one of them would have adopted under similar circumstances." To this appeal it is incumbent on this meeting to answer—that no one present, and, it is hoped, no Member of this Association, would have adopted a similar course of conduct under any circumstances.

HYDROPATHY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL JOURNAL.

SIR,

Within these few days past, a respectable tradesman of Leeds has died under the operation of the "water cure." The case, on *post-mortem* examination, is said to have exhibited such palpable proofs of ignorance and malpractice, that if the rumours afloat be correct, exposure and reprehension are but an act of justice to the bereaved relatives, the public, and, though last not least, the medical profession.

For the purpose of ascertaining the correctness of

the report, I beg leave with your permission, and with the object of placing the case on record, respectfully to call upon the three medical gentlemen, Dr. Hobson, Dr. Drennan, and Mr. Garlick, who I understand were present at the autopsy, and under the care of the last of whom the deceased had formerly been, to favour their brethren with the whole facts connected with this serious case, which have come under their cognizance.

Should the information solicited be found to verify the *gravamen* of the report in circulation, I may have to crave permission for insertion of another communication on the subject. Meanwhile,

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
INQUISITOR.

Leeds, May 18, 1844.

MEDICAL INTELLIGENCE.

Dr. Ferguson has resigned the Professorship of Midwifery, at King's College, London.

Dr. William Gregory, Professor of Chemistry in the University of Aberdeen, has been appointed Professor of Chemistry in the University of Edinburgh, in the room of Dr. Hope, resigned.

PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Suffolk branch of the Association, is appointed to be held at the Guildhall, Bury St. Edmunds, on Friday, the 7th of June. Any communications connected with the meeting should be made to the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Bree, of Stowmarket.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Education: the Substance of an Address delivered before the Members of the Worcester Literary and Scientific Institution, at their Annual Meeting, in 1841. By Jonas Malden, M.D. Worcester: 1844, pp. 20.

Report on the Progress of Practical Medicine in the Department of Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children, during the years 1842-3. By Charles West, M.D., Member of the Royal College of Physicians, Physician to the Royal Infirmary for Children, and Physician Accoucheur to the Finsbury Dispensary. London: 1844, pp. 37.

Remarks on the Efficacy of Matico, as a Styptic and Astringent; with Additional Cases, Mode of Exhibition, &c. By Thomas Jeffreys, M.D. Longman and Co., London. W. Grapel, Liverpool, 1844; 8vo., pp. 37. Second Edition.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Mr. Crosse, Dr. Kennon, Mr. Eden, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Pope. The letter from Dr. Hardwicke was too late for insertion in this week's number.

It is requested that all letters and communications be sent to Dr. Streeten, Foregate Street, Worcester. Parcels, and books for review, may be addressed to the Editor of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Journal, care of Mr. Churchill, Princes Street, Soho.