

THE MEDICAL BILL: RESOLUTIONS OF THE MANCHESTER COMMITTEE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND
SURGICAL JOURNAL.

SIR,

We are instructed to forward to you for insertion in the *Provincial Medical and Surgical Journal*, a copy of resolutions passed at a meeting of the committee appointed in this town to watch the progress of the "Bill for regulating the profession of Physic and Surgery," now before the House of Commons, and to request the favour of your advocating the principles therein set forth.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

THOMAS DORRINGTON, }
ISAAC A. FRANKLIN, } Hon. Secs.

Manchester Medical Library,
38, Faulkner Street, May 21, 1845.

At a meeting of the Manchester Medical Reform Committee, held in the Manchester Medical Library, on the 20th of May, 1845, it was resolved: "That this Committee is of opinion that the Medical Reform Bill, now before the House of Commons, imperatively requires such modifications, that—1st. In the initiatory examining board intended as a common portal for all branches of the profession, the proposed new College of General Practitioners in Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery, shall be duly represented by having members thereon in the same number as the College of Physicians and Surgeons. 2nd. The members of the new college shall be entitled to retain on the proposed register, their present title of "Surgeons" in the same manner as the Fellows of the College of Surgeons; and, 3rd. The new college shall in every respect stand on an equal footing with the other Colleges: and further, that if this position is not guaranteed to the general practitioners by their proposed charter of incorporation, and by the bill, this committee pledges itself to oppose their further progress.

GRAFTING OF NERVES.

M. Taignot has recently communicated to the French Academie des Sciences, some experiments on what he terms "substitutions nerveuses," in other words, the grafting of one nerve upon another, with the view of ascertaining the effects resulting from the union of the divided extremities of different nerves. The idea appears to have been suggested to him by the well-known fact of the re-union of the two ends of a divided nerve, when allowed to remain in contact, and the subsequent restoration of its function. The following are the results at which he has arrived:—

1. If two nervous cords, sufficiently near to each other be included in the same ligature, and simultaneously divided, a kind of nerviform ganglion is quickly developed between the four divided extremities, which is common to them all, and in which the fibres of the two nerves and their functions are apparently confounded.

2. If two nerves which approach each other be so divided as to allow of the superior section of one nerve

being adapted to the inferior section of the other, the result is the formation of a new nerve, which retains its functions entire.

The expression, "*qui conserve integralement ses fonctions*," is indefinite, and leaves it in doubt whether the new nerve possesses the united functions of the two nerves of which it is composed, or the functions of only one of them. The subject is not, however, altogether new; M. Flourens published several years ago a similar series of experiments, which were attended by results altogether the same as those arrived at by M. Taignot. In every case complete re-union took place, and in some a complete restoration of function.

ACADEMIE DE MEDECINE, PARIS.

M. Longet has recently been elected a Member of the French Academy of Medicine in the Section of Anatomy and Physiology. The unsuccessful candidates were MM. Manec, Baillarger, Chassaignac, Belhomme, and Denonvilliers.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Gentlemen admitted Members on Friday, May 30, 1845:—A. J. Tuckey; J. T. Ross; J. Teague; J. M. C. Cornuel; J. Packer; C. P. Mingaye; D. Davies; F. E. Barton; T. C. Jackson; F. J. Hensley; W. Sedgwick; J. Lewis; W. H. Fitzpatrick; G. N. Epps.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted Licentiates, May 15, 1845:—S. Taylor, Rearley; H. J. Hunter, Sheffield; J. Webber, Merriott; H. E. Nankivell, Truro; C. Ede; W. Lea, Great Torrington.

May 22.—J. T. Newbury, London; R. Flockton, Snettisham; E. Wadams, Stratford-upon-Avon; G. Royde, Brighton; J. Roope, Norwich.

OBITUARY.

May 10th, in the 53rd year of his age, Dr. Gilbert Breschet, surgeon to the Hotel Dieu, and Professor of Anatomy in the University, Paris. M. Breschet was also a Member of the Academie des Sciences in the Section of Medicine and Surgery, to which he was elected on the death of Dupuytren, and Consulting Surgeon to King Louis Philippe.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Mr. C. T. Carter; Mr. Jerrard; Mr. Harrinson; Mr. Chater; Another Lancashire Practitioner; H; Mr. J. Long; Mr. Butler Lane; and Dr. Moss.

Mr. Chater's case is in type, but unavoidably postponed until next week.

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, Princess Street, Soho.