

appreciates his worth, say whether he could be a party to, or rather the leader of, a course of conduct, unjustly characterized by every opprobrious epithet with regard to its bearings upon the great mass of the profession. Is there any man more ready than Sir Benjamin Brodie, openly to confess the debt of gratitude which he owes to the profession, and more especially to the general practitioners in the country, for that confidence and support which they have so extensively afforded him? or is there any man to whose unwearied industry and profound research in physiology, pathology, and practice, surgery is more indebted for the character it now sustains.

In conclusion, I would just allude to the proposed new College of General Practitioners in Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery. The promoters of it, I have no doubt, think it will do good, but I see many sober-minded, sound judging men expressing a contrary opinion; and I still think that the first impression which the project produced upon the mind of Sir James Graham is worthy of great consideration. He said very decidedly, in his place in parliament, that he thought it a measure tending to evil,—a measure tending to lower rather than improve the interest and respectability of the general practitioner; as such, he earnestly advised the projectors of the measure to reconsider their request. I am not aware, that in subsequently yielding to the request, Sir James Graham ever expressed any alteration of, or departure from, that opinion. I consider that our best thanks are due to Sir James Graham for the great amount of time and attention which he has devoted to the disturbed condition of the medical profession—hard or even impossible as it would seem to be for him to please all parties, there are none, I hope, who do not believe and cordially acknowledge that his desire has been to do the utmost good in his power.

I remain, Sir,

Your obliged and obedient servant,

H. TERRY.

Northampton, July 19, 1845.

ERRATUM IN DR. FIFE'S PAPER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL JOURNAL.

SIR,

On reading over my communication, published in the *Provincial Journal* of the 9th inst., I find that in my desire to curtail, as much as possible, the length of that paper, I have been guilty of an injustice to one whom I have long looked upon as one of the most distinguished physicians and medical philosophers of the present day. I allude to Dr. Billing, who, so far as I am informed of the fact, was the first who maintained that the *first sound* originated in "the tension, produced in the shutting of the auriculo-ventricular valves;" whilst it is well known that the late Dr. Hope, only in a subsequent edition of his work, admits the possibility of the sound in question being "partly valvular." Near the bottom of the first column, p. 434, for Dr. *Hope* should be placed Dr. *Billing*, and so I expected to have seen it. In my manuscript, the name of Dr. *Hope* was placed after

the end of the sentence, merely as a memorandum for a note.

This explanation I deem alike due to your readers, to Dr. Billing, and to myself, and have therefore to beg that you may give this brief note a place as soon as possible.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

GEORGE FIFE.

Sunderland, July 21, 1845.

ACADEMIE DES SCIENCES, PARIS.

M. Lallemand has been elected a member of the Academie des Sciences, in the section of Medicine and Surgery, in the room of M. Bresschet, deceased. The unsuccessful candidates were MM. Gerdy, Bourgery, Berard, Jobert de Lamballe, and Blandin.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Gentlemen admitted members on Friday, July 25, 1845:—G. Wilnshurst; G. Brooker; T. Wakley; C. S. Jones; T. Murphy; R. M. Mann; J. P. Lane; J. Johnson; W. Tickell; C. R. Prance; H. Crocker.

OBITUARY.

On Saturday, July 26th, at Birmingham, Dr. Male, many years Physician to the Birmingham General Hospital. Dr. Male, in early life, contributed several papers to the medical periodical works of the day; and is well known as the author of a work on Medical Jurisprudence, which passed through two editions—the first English original work of any magnitude or value on this important subject.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Half-yearly Abstract of the Medical Sciences: being a Practical and Analytical Digest of the Contents of the Principal British and Continental Medical Works, published in the preceding six months; together with a Series of Critical Reports on the Progress of Medicine, and the Collateral Sciences, during the same period. Edited by W. H. Ranking, M.D. Cantab., Physician to the Suffolk General Hospital. Vol. I., January—June, 1845. London: Churchill. 1845. pp. 391.

Notes of a few more Trials with the Mesmerists, in a Second Search for Clairvoyance. By John Forbes, M.D., F.R.S. (From the *London Medical Gazette*, July 18, 1845.) 8vo, pp. 12.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Mr. Estlin; Dr. E. D. Walker; Dr. Bompas; Mr. Nunneley; Dr. Radford.

We regret that the letter from Dr. Bompas was received too late for insertion this week. It shall receive attention as soon after the Anniversary Meeting as circumstances will permit.

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.