

Medical and Surgical Association, but, as far as possible, to *every* member of the Profession residing in the provinces? I am sure that many medical men have never yet had the subject fairly brought before them and forced upon their attention; and it is at any rate most desirable to make the institution known to others besides the comparatively small number who have hitherto had an opportunity of reading the Secretary's Annual Report. I have gone on to greater length than I originally contemplated, and, if I had been writing on any less interesting and important subject, I should feel that some apology was due for encroaching so much upon your columns. In the present instance, however, I am sure you will not grudge me the space in so good a cause,

And am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. A. G.

October 13, 1845.

### REPLY TO MR. JACKSON'S OBSERVATIONS ON THE LETTER OF "SENIOR."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND  
SURGICAL JOURNAL.

SIR,

I entertained no doubt that the principle upon which Mr. Jackson administered calomel after the operation of gastrotomy, was to prevent peritoneal inflammation; the purpose of my observations was to raise the question whether, in a case of such extensive and serious wounds, it was safe to attempt this object with so depressing a remedy as calomel?

Having endeavoured to draw the attention of your readers to this point, I should not have troubled you again, had it not been for Mr. Jackson's rebuke to the anonymous contributors to our medical periodicals, contained in your number of the 1st instant.

It did not appear to me that the members of the Association would be more inclined to weigh my remarks, for knowing that they were written by a Mr. Smith, or a Mr. Jones, and where no fact is stated requiring verification, and no discourtesy shown to the author of a publication sent forth to the world, I am at a loss to see any impropriety in anonymous criticism. Were such communications altogether prohibited—were no discretion allowed to the editor of a journal, as to what criticism he might insert, or what withhold, I believe our medical periodicals would often be deprived of valuable hints and observations from persons well qualified to instruct us, to whom it is more agreeable to write without appending their signature.

I should not think of withholding my name from the editor of a journal to whom I was sending a paper for insertion, and you are perfectly at liberty to give mine to Mr. Jackson, should he consider it worth the trouble of making inquiry for it, but I must entirely dissent from his opinion, "that no one should be allowed to indulge in anonymous criticism upon those communications to which the author has affixed his signature." The name of the writer in no way affects the justness of his remarks, and it is the duty of the journalist to judge if the critique be written in a manner sufficiently decorous for insertion is his

periodical. Though Mr. Jackson observes that a fictitious signature is "the disguise under which illiberal criticism and falsehood usually screen themselves," he can hardly be desirous of drawing the illogical inference that *therefore* its employment is improper on all occasions.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

SENIOR.

October 11, 1845.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Gentlemen admitted Members on Friday, October 17, 1845:—G. S. Clement; A. B. Wall; C. E. E. Welchman; J. Taylor; R. Edwards; J. Nagle; T. J. Blake; R. Harper; H. A. Newell; J. J. R. Dalliston.

### SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted Licentiates, Thursday, Oct. 9:—S. Monckton, Brenchley; J. H. Gandy, Warrington.

### OBITUARY.

We regret to announce the decease of Dr. James Johnson, the learned and accomplished Editor of the *Medico-Chirurgical Review*. Dr. Johnson died on the 9th instant, at Brighton, in the 69th year of his age.

Mr. Sidney Bernard, one of the surgeons who volunteered to join the *Eclair* on her passage home, has fallen a victim to the African fever.

### BOOKS RECEIVED.

An Essay on the Use of Narcotics and other Remedial Agents, calculated to produce Sleep in the Treatment of Insanity. By Joseph Williams, M.D. London: Churchill. 1845. Post 8vo., pp. 120.

Reports of the Medical Officers of the Lunatic Asylum for the County of Lancaster. 1841. 8vo., pp. 33; and 1845, 8vo., pp. 37.

Proposals for establishing a General Medical Annuity Fund for disabled Members of the Medical Profession, their Widows and Orphans. &c. &c. By Edward Daniell, Surgeon; to which is added an Appendix, containing the Rules and Regulations of the Institution. London: Churchill. 8vo., pp. 37.

An Inaugural Address, delivered at the Opening of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital Museum, September 10, 1845. By John Green Crosse, M.D., F.R.S., the Senior Surgeon to the Hospital. Norwich: 8vo., pp. 28.

### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from H.; Dr. Chambers; S. A. R.; Mr. F. Collier; Dr. M'c Egan; W. A. G.

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-