

nothing? It is humanity to investigate the causes of sudden or suspicious deaths, yet did any man ever hear of any coroner who sat upon any jury, since the time of Alfred, without being paid his fees and his mileage? To feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to visit widows and orphans in their afflictions, is humanity; yet we hear of no tailor, butcher, baker, who refuses to give bread, beef, and clothes for nothing, being told by coroners' juries, that "if he gets no money, he gains the esteem of his fellow-men."

Will the esteem of his fellow-men feed the poor doctor, or clothe his wife and children, or pay house-rent, or taxes, or appear upon his frugal board in the shape of a leg of mutton and trimmings? Will the esteem of his fellow-men preserve him from rusty clothes or an empty stomach, from a distress for rent, or from the Insolvent Court?

Let him go to the workhouse with the esteem of his fellow-men in his pocket, and he will be set to break stones, or pick oakum, just the same as if his fellow-men did not esteem him in the least; and when he dies, after a life spent in gaining the esteem of his fellow-men, by running after sick paupers for nothing, let his widow go before a police magistrate for relief, and she will be lucky indeed if the esteem of her late husband's fellow-men enables her to take change out of a sovereign.

Medical men are fair game—their profession is a noble, humane, and liberal profession; therefore, be sure, they are expected to be noble, humane, and liberal enough never to expect payment; they are advertised for in the same way as tallow-candles and scraps of mutton, and for the same use—the use of the parish poor; therefore, be sure, they must be gentlemen disdaining payment!

They have been, and still are, a profession foolishly charitable, and criminally benevolent, to the injury of themselves, their families, and their fellows; therefore, Society takes them at their word; if they work for nothing they get no thanks, and if they don't work for nothing, they are rebuked by juries of butchers, bakers, and tailors, who glory in the chance of sitting once in their lives, in judgment upon a gentleman.—*Young England.*

CORRESPONDENCE

ON PLACENTA PRÆVIA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL JOURNAL.

SIR,

The last number of your Journal contains a partial correspondence between Dr. Simpson and myself, and as time does not allow me to enter fully into the subject, I have written to request the Profession to suspend judgment; also to express my surprise at Dr. Simpson's uncourteous conduct in publishing my letters, without having first apprized me of his intention.

Yours most respectfully,

THOMAS RADFORD.

Manchester, Feb. 6, 1845.

SUCCINATE OF AMMONIA IN DELIRIUM TREMENS.

M. Scharn has successfully employed the succinate of ammonia for the cure of delirium tremens. The most furious delirium is quieted by the remedy, as if by magic, and the disease cured by it in a few hours, without the aid of any other medicine.—*Dublin Medical Press.*

HOUSE OF COMMONS: MEDICAL REFORM.

Sir James Graham gave notice on Wednesday last, that on Tuesday, the 18th of February, he should ask permission of the House to introduce the bill relative to the Medical Profession, and intimated that it was his intention to make some material changes and alterations in the former measure. On the day following (Thursday) the Right Honourable Baronet further stated, that it was also his intention on the same occasion, to request permission to introduce a bill for enabling the Crown to grant new Charters to certain Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Gentlemen admitted Members on Friday, February 7th, 1845:—E. L. Hussey, R. D. Harling, W. T. Riff, W. B. Young, T. Murray, M. Baines, E. Caudle, J. Gilbert, H. Wright, T. W. Harris, H. Hastings, C. Millar, G. Saunders.

PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION.

It is requested that Members of the Association, whose names, address, or designation, may be defective, or incorrectly inserted, in the printed list published with the last volume of the *Transactions*, will immediately send the alterations which they wish to be made, as the list of Members for the thirteenth volume, being the first of a new series, is now in the hands of the printer.

ROBERT J. N. STREETEN,

Secretary.

THE BENEVOLENT FUND.

The Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund acknowledges, with many thanks, the receipt of upwards of fifty pounds from Dr. Beddome, of Romsey, collected by him for this excellent charity, within the last few months; an instance of how much may be done by individual exertion, and offering an example worthy of imitation to all our humane and benevolent members. The calls upon the fund have lately been unusually urgent and numerous.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Mr. Newnham; Mr. Clarke; Mr. J. Hutchinson; the Sheffield Medical Society; Mr. H. Austin; * * *; Mr. G. Rigden; Mr. J. W. Wilton; Mr. C. R. Bree; E. J.; and Dr. Inglis.