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THE LONDON JOURNAL OF MEDICINE was established for the two-fold purpose of diffusing scientific and practical knowledge among the profession, and of promoting true "medical reform", by striving to inculcate, by precept and example, feelings of brotherhood, and generous principles of action. It has not been part of our plan to write elaborate exposures of the practices of quacks, or of the systems of quackery which are now most in vogue: we have believed that we were best guarding the domains of medicine from the farther intrusions of homœopathy, globulism, hydropathy, mesmerism, and other similar scandals, by advocating the necessity of students having their minds trained to think and reason, before they are launched upon their career of medical study. A good preliminary education, combined with integrity, are the only defences which any man can have against lapsing into quackery, or indeed into any error or immorality. Remembering the high ends for which the work was established, we have diligently and impartially collected information from every source, whence it could be obtained; carefully, and we trust successfully, striving to keep ourselves free from party influence, or personal bias.

In several respects, this volume surpasses its predecessor; which, from the prevailing cholera epidemic, had less variety. Greater attention and scope have been given to the Diseases of Young Children; and in this, as well as in other respects, the Digest of the Journals has been improved. The Reports of Societies have been more condensed; and, in this way, space has

been gained for Dr. Henry's valuable Classified Catalogues of the Papers in the British and Foreign Journals.

The experience of the last two years, and ampler resources, enable us to announce that two very important improvements are to be introduced into the new volume. The one is an extension of the range of the Bibliographical Record, so as to include notices of all the medical books, of any note, which appear in France, Germany, and other Foreign countries. The other is the introduction of a new department into the JOURNAL, to be entitled **THE HOSPITALS OF LONDON**; in which we propose to give, to the best of our ability, the movement of epidemics; the general news and statistics of Metropolitan Hospitals, Dispensaries, and Asylums, so far as they can be obtained; combined with the marrow of the clinical teaching of the physicians and surgeons of these institutions. If we are enabled to carry out our scheme with even one half of the completeness which we ultimately hope to attain, we shall be able to excavate and arrange such a mass of instructive clinical experience, as has never yet been laid before the profession.

The following is a list of the authors of the Original Articles which have appeared during the year now closed:—

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**APPOINTMENTS.**

- ALLAN**, Dr. John, appointed Physician to the Islington Dispensary.  
**BRASSEUR**, Professor, appointed Examiner in French to the Royal College of Surgeons of England.  
**CHAMBERS**, Dr. A., elected Physician to the Dispensary for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Margaret Street.  
**DAMPIER**, N. J., Esq., F.R.C.S., elected Surgeon to the Islington Dispensary, in the room of J. J. PARNELL, Esq., resigned.  
**HALE**, Dr. R. J., appointed Physician to the Islington Dispensary.  
**HALL**, C. Radclyffe, M.D., appointed Physician to the Bristol General Hospital, in the room of DR. BEATTY, resigned.  
**HAWKINS**, Cæsar H., Esq., elected one of the Examiners at the Royal College of Surgeons, in the room of the late J. G. ANDREWS, Esq.  
**HOOPER**, R. L., Esq., appointed Surgeon to the Queen's Prison, in the room of the late THOMAS MORTON, Esq.  
**SMITH**, Goldwin, Esq., M.A., appointed Examiner in Classics to the Royal College of Surgeons of England.  
**STOKES**, G. G., Esq., M.A., appointed Examiner in Mathematics to the Royal College of Surgeons.

**OBITUARY.**

- BIRCH**, John Spencer, Esq., Surgeon, at Blackburn, on 25th November 1849.  
**CARDEW**, J., M.D., late Physician to the Bath General and United Hospitals, at Weymouth, on 25th November.  
**CARRUTHERS**, Robert, M.D., Royal Navy, at Longfleet, near Poole, Dorset, on 27th November.  
**CASE**, Thomas, Esq., Surgeon, of Runcorn, Cheshire, lately.  
**CHESBROUGH**, John, Esq., at North Egremont, Cheshire, lately.  
**DEAS**, Dr., Surgeon-Superintendent of the Neptune convict ship, at the Cape of Good Hope, lately.  
**GAINIE**, E. L. J., Esq., Surgeon, H.E.I.C.S., at Waltair, East Indies, on 20th October.  
**GLENNIE**, W. R., M.D., H.E.I.C.S., formerly of Maybank, Aberdeen, at Goruckpore, on 4th October.  
**GUNNING**, Thomas, Esq., Inspector General, Army Medical Department, at Brompton Crescent, aged 74, on 30th November.  
**HEIB**, Matthew, Esq., late Surgeon to the 66th Foot, at his residence, 16, Park Walk, Chelsea, aged 73, lately.  
**MALING**, C., Esq., Surgeon, at Abbey Holme, Cumberland, of Cholera, aged 34, on 24th November.  
**MITCHELL**, John, M.D., at Hobshill, Cruden, after a short illness, aged 55, on 22nd November.  
**MUNRO**, Dr., Surgeon of H.M.S. Castor, lately.  
**ROBERTS**, William, Esq., Surgeon, late of the 1st Royals, at Sydenham, Kent, aged 71, on 22nd November.  
**SHEFFIELD**, Edmund, Esq., Surgeon, at 12, Grove, Hackney, aged 71, on 2nd December.  
**TRUEFIT**, Louis, Esq., Surgeon, at Burwood Place, Hyde Park, on 3rd December.  
**WHITELAW**, Thomas, Esq., Surgeon, Royal Artillery, at Barbadoes.  
**WORTHINGTON**, Charles, Esq., Surgeon, at Llangollen, aged 73, on 1st December.

**BOOKS RECEIVED.**

Bacc. Med. Oxon. on Stammering and its Treatment. London: 1850. **CHURCH-HILL** (Dr. F.) on Diseases of Children. Dublin: 1850. **FLOOD** on the Arteries. Edited by Dr. POWER. Dublin: 1850. **HAMILTON's** Essays on Syphilis, Part I. Dublin: 1849. **HULL** on Consumption. London: 1850. **SNOW** on Pathology and Communication of Cholera. London: 1849. **STEWART** (Dr. A. P.), Sanitary Economics. London: 1849. **SYME** on Medical Reform. Edinburgh: 1849. **WARE** on the Duties and Qualifications of Physicians. Oxford: 1849. **WINSLOW** on Cholera. Traduite en Français par E. COLMACHE. Paris: 1849.