

LANCET BIOGRAPHIES OF LIVING MEDICAL MEN. There is at present in course of publication in the *Lancet*, a series of one hundred biographies of eminent living members of our profession. Objections may at first be taken to the project, on the plea of its indelicacy or general impropriety ; but so far as it has already been executed, there is not much for the most captious to complain of. There have already appeared, interesting and instructive memoirs of Sir Benjamin C. Brodie, Dr. Chambers, Mr. Guthrie, Dr. Marshall Hall, Dr. Clutterbuck, and Mr. Bransby B. Cooper. The seventh of the series will be Sir James M'Grigor. A portrait accompanies each biography.

BIOGRAPHIES OF EMINENT DECEASED MEDICAL MEN. The *Medical Times* has commenced a series of biographical sketches. The memoir of John Green Crosse, F.R.S., late of Norwich, is well written, and full of interest.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, PADDINGTON. The medical and surgical staff are to be appointed about the close of the present year. The candidates are not very numerous.

SIR BENJAMIN C. BRODIE AT DUBLIN. This eminent surgeon was honoured by a public banquet by the Royal College of Surgeons of Dublin on the 29th of August.

STATUE OF LARREY. A marble statue has been erected to the memory of this illustrious surgeon in the court-yard of the Val-de-Grâce of Paris. The inauguration was recently celebrated with much pomp and ceremony.

CHEAP MEDICAL SCHOOLS. If Cheap Medical Teaching have degraded the status of the teacher and the taught in England, what are we to expect in America ? In the Rush Medical College of Chicago, Illinois, the students only number 107, yet the following are the terms. Full course of seven professors, 35 dollars ; matriculation and clinical instruction, *gratis* ; dissections, 5 dollars ; graduation, 20 dollars. So much for competition !

THE MIDDLESEX MAGISTRATES AND THE CORONER'S COURT. The Middlesex Magistrates have a resolution under consideration to the following effect : "That this Court is of opinion that measures should be taken for the substitution of a fixed salary, in lieu of fees to the Coroner, and for the appointing of a Medical Officer to the Coroner's Court, at a fixed salary, for making post-mortem examinations."

HUNTERIAN ORATOR FOR 1851. RICHARD ANTHONY STAFFORD, Esq., surgeon to the St. Marylebone Infirmary, a member of the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons, is the gentleman appointed to deliver the annual oration in the theatre of that Institution, on the 14th of February next, in memory of the immortal genius of John Hunter.

BRISTOL. Several inhabitants of this city have raised a subscription to increase the efficiency of the Guinea-street Hospital. Mr. Eaton has contributed 5,000*l.*, and Mr. George Thomas 1,000*l.* for that purpose.

APPOINTMENTS.

DUVERNAY, M., appointed Professor of Comparative Anatomy in the *Jardin des Plantes*, Paris, in the room of the late M. DE BLAINVILLE.

HULME, Edward C., Esq., elected Surgeon to the Blenheim Street Free Dispensary, in the room of Mr. T. M. GIRDLESTONE, resigned.

ST. HILAIRE, M. Isidore, appointed Professor of Natural History at the Sorbonne, Paris, in the room of the late M. DE BLAINVILLE.

OBITUARY.

BULLEY, John, Esq., Surgeon to the Reading Infirmary, at Reading, aged 76, on the 30th August.

BURMAN, Hugh Francis, M.D., at Henley-in-Arden, aged 35, on 28th August.

CLARKE, H. T., Esq., Surgeon, aged 40, on 23rd August.

GRIFFITHS, Mr. W., aged 27, in Bedford Square, on 11th September. He destroyed himself by prussic acid.

MARSHALL, John, Esq., many years Surgeon in the H.E.I.C.S., late Physician-General of the Bengal Presidency, aged 67, at Falmouth, on 30th August.

MORGAN, D., Esq., Assistant-Surgeon H.E.I.C.S., at Nainee Pal, Bengal, on 21st June.

NEVILLE, Joseph, Esq., Surgeon, at Croydon, aged 47, on 12th September.

TAYLOR, Alexander, Esq., Surgeon R.N., at Queenstown, Ireland, on 7th Sept.

YOUNG, G. W., Esq., Surgeon, at 37, Mortimer Street, Cavendish Square, aged 75, on 30th August.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

BRIGHT (James) on Diseases of the Chest. London: 1850. CARPENTER (W. B.) on Alcoholic Liquors. London: 1850. CHAMBERS (T. K.) on Corpulence. London: 1850. HOLLAND (G. C.) on Phthisis. London: 1850. HOWARD on the Eye. Montreal and London: 1850. SMITH (Thomas) on Terebinthinate Medicines. [Reprinted and enlarged from this Journal.] London: 1850. TAYLOR (William) on the Treatment of Febrile Diseases through the medium of the Skin. London: 1850. YEARSLEY on Deafness. London: 1850.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

MR. MARTIN OF REIGATE, AND THE STATE OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION. Our recent articles on the State of the Medical Profession, have called forth letters from various parts of the country. The general tenor of these is alike gratifying to ourselves, and creditable to the profession. Several suggestions have been made to us, and shall receive our best attention. We have to thank MR. MARTIN for his letter, and the accompanying address, on apprenticeships, delivered at a recent medical meeting at Reigate. Mr. Martin agrees with us in thinking that the system of apprenticeship, although liable to abuse, and requiring beneficial modification, is by no means so essentially objectionable as it is sometimes represented to be; and that if properly carried out, *the three years now usually spent as an apprentice*, may be made the most valuable period of the student's career. We are happy to find our views upon this important subject confirmed by one of so much experience and weight.

CLASSIFIED LISTS. We must request several correspondents, who have addressed us regarding the Classified Lists, to remember that they are neither intended to supersede an Index as copious as that of our volume for 1849, nor to diminish the space at present devoted to the monthly Digest of the Journals. We hope, however, to save much space by a greater condensation of the Reports of Societies, and by so doing, we expect to give *the Classified Lists as so much additional matter*. Most papers of value mentioned in Dr. Henry's lists have been, or will be given in an extended or abridged form in our pages; and therefore, for purposes of research, the Annual Indices must be consulted, as well as the Classified Lists of papers; the one will be found to be an essential supplement to the other. While we make our Journal a key to the medical literature of the world, we take care (for the sake of those who have not access to large collections of books) to render it likewise a rich and complete Library of Medicine—a perfect repertorium of all that is new and useful in the various sciences embraced in, or accessory to, Medicine, Surgery, and Obstetrics.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE EDITOR to be sent to 100, St. Martin's Lane.

ERRATUM.

DR. HALE was styled (in the title of his paper, p. 720), "Extra-Licentiate of the College of Physicians", in place of "Licentiate". The error arose from the designations of the list of contributors on the cover having been made up from the *Medical Directory*, in which Dr. Hale is erroneously styled "Extra-Licentiate". The error thus adopted, unfortunately crept in at p. 720.