

now to be in course of preparation, and the idea of a meeting regarded as subordinate.

Although militia surgeons are more particularly the parties interested, we need hardly say that through them the whole profession is now receiving a slight and an injustice at the hands of government. As our correspondent remarks, "it is only another instance of the exaction of duties from the profession without any adequate reward." For this reason, the injustice done to the militia surgeons is not a question of mere sectional interest, but one of general importance to the whole profession. We shall be glad, therefore, to see a committee formed for the purpose of offering an efficient remonstrance on behalf of the aggrieved, and by seeing it well backed by an organisation of a large body of medical practitioners who are not pecuniarily and personally interested.

CHOLERA QUERIES ISSUED BY THE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

WE have been favoured with a copy of the Cholera Queries of the Epidemiological Society, and we regret that their great length renders it impossible for us to reprint them in this number of the ASSOCIATION JOURNAL.

We cannot help thinking that the Society would elicit more replies were they to simplify and diminish the number of their questions. Many of the subordinate queries—these which refer to minute details—might be with advantage suppressed in a circular intended for general circulation, and in this way the present very formidable and repulsive aspect of the document would be removed. It would be quite easy to invite attention to all the topics by introducing paragraphs suggestive of the sort of answers which different places and different circumstances were expected to elicit. We make these remarks simply because we feel certain that the first glance which many a busy practitioner gets of these queries will make him resolve not to attempt to reply to them. By a select few, such a circular as that before us may be appreciated and responded to, but it is certainly not suited for the general body of the toil-worn medical profession.

ADVICE GRATIS TO MEMBERS OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION.

MUCH has been said in our columns and elsewhere about the enormous extent to which gratuitous advice is given by the medical profession, and of the rarity with which other professions and trades return the compliment. It behoves us, therefore, to record the disinterested kindness which was last week manifested towards the members of our ASSOCIATION by our esteemed friend, the eminent medical publisher, MR. CHURCHILL. On Saturday last, he gave the following most sagacious gratuitous advice through the editor of his *Medical Times*. Speaking of the 1,300 signatures to the Albert Park petition, obtained from the medical profession by means of penny post circulars, he says:—

"Why should not representations to government, on the subject of medical grievances, be made in the same way? It would take little from the funds of any large association. Surely the money of such a society as the Provincial

Medical and Surgical Association would be more legitimately expended in making known the wants of their members in this way, than in the support of a weekly Journal which absorbs the whole receipts of the body, and obliges the Council to discontinue the publication of their *Transactions*, and apply for subscriptions to carry on the battle of medical reform."

The advice of Mr. Churchill ought at once to be acted on. Not an hour ought to be lost. Let the JOURNAL of the ASSOCIATION be forthwith suppressed; let Mr. Churchill publish, as formerly, our annual volume of *Transactions*; and let all representations regarding medical grievances be inserted as advertisements in the *Medical Times*, at £5 : 5 a page. There would be in this arrangement an obvious financial safety; as, when there were no funds, there need be no advertisements. The Albert Park advertisement, which called forth Mr. Churchill's excellent advice to our body, occupied four pages of last Saturday's *Medical Times*, and therefore cost only twenty-one pounds sterling. Perhaps, by means of a series of advertisements in the *Medical Times*, upon a scale similar to that to which we have adverted, Parliament might be induced to grant us all that we desire.

The novelty of the proposal must be accepted as an apology for not discussing it at present in more detail. We would only add, that the noble and generous course adopted by Mr. Churchill upon this occasion entitles him to our everlasting gratitude and most exalted praise.

PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS. The Law of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association is as follows:—

"Each Member of the Association shall pay One Guinea annually: the Subscription to commence from the 1st of January in each year, and to be considered as due, unless notice of its being withdrawn be given to the Secretary or Secretaries antecedently to the year for which it would be payable; for such Subscription each Member shall receive a copy of all publications issued for the general use of the Members of the Association."

Gentlemen wishing to join the Association ought invariably, to prevent delay and trouble, to pay their subscription to the Treasurer, or enable their proposer to do so, at the time of their election.

Letters referring to the commercial department ought to be addressed to MR. HONEYMAN, 37, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields; and communications for the Editor to Essex House, Putney, London, by post. The Editor is generally at the Office on Wednesdays, from four to five P.M.

We must remind correspondents that, although they may wish their letters to appear under special signatures, it is absolutely necessary to communicate in confidence their names and addresses to the Editor.

CHLOROFORM IN MIDWIFERY. We have not room in the current volume for any more letters upon this subject.

HOMOEOPATHIC MEMBERS. The names shall not appear again in the list: and steps are now being taken in accordance with the laws for their removal.

ERRATA IN THE LIST OF MEMBERS. We particularly request that gentlemen who have discovered errors or omissions in the list published on the 21st of October, will have the kindness to send a correction of them to us within eight days from this date, so that a complete list of errata may be prepared for publication.