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NEW SERIES.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

MR. R. J. MACKENZIE. We last week alluded to the rumour of this gentleman having been "appointed supernumerary surgeon to the Turkish forces." Mr. Mackenzie requests us to state that there is no truth in the rumour; and that he simply "goes as a visitor to the camp to gain information." Mr. Tufnell, of Dublin, goes out with a similar object.

REPRESENTATION OF THE PROFESSION in the Executive Council, under the proposed Bill, is, we may confidently state, certain to be introduced in the revised draught. Three plans have been submitted; and it will be for the Conference of Medical Reformers to select one of them.

MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY OF EDINBURGH. The report is in type; but, from its length, we have been obliged to delay it for a week.

MR. CHURCHILL AND MR. BARRON. Mr. Churchill's rejoinder is too voluminous, and of too little general interest for publication in our pages. We are willing, however, to give each gentleman space for twenty lines before closing our pages against farther discussion on the subject.

LETTERS, ETC., FOR THE EDITOR, may be addressed to 21, EDWARDS STREET, PORTMAN SQUARE; where members may see the Editor, on *Wednesdays, between 12 and 1 o'clock.*

NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF THE ASSOCIATION.

SINCE our publication of the 17th March, the following twenty-four gentlemen have been admitted members of the PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION. The number of subscribing members for 1854 is, therefore, 2,145, of whom 283 have joined since January 1st.

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WALES.

GLAMORGANSHIRE.

Paddon, John, M.D. Swansea

FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

JAMAICA.

Ashenheim, Lewis, M.D. Falmouth

ERRATUM. In the list published on March 17th, the name "McEVAN, Thomas, Manchester", should have been "THOMAS, Evan".

PRESENT PROSPECTS OF MEDICAL REFORM.

WE do not profess to be in the secrets of certain papers (medical and quasi-medical), who, with great pertinacity, write up Mr. BRADY'S Bill; but, in justice to them, we will say, that they are certainly not actuated by the desire of obtaining popularity with the profession; for, of all the attempts at medical legislation which have been made, none has ever yet met with such general condemnation from all who have carefully and candidly studied the subject of "medical reform". The explanation of the journalistic zeal to which we refer may ultimately transpire; but, in the mean time, it behoves us to caution our readers, medical and parliamentary, against being misled by pseudo-historical articles which are sent to them gratuitously.

In spite of the temporary distraction caused by Mr. Brady's well meant but most dangerous escapade, the prospects of medical reform have not been injured; and indeed strong evidence exists that it has now assumed, and will probably maintain, a more favourable aspect than it has ever yet worn. According to the parliamentary report of the *Morning Advertiser*, Lord PALMERSTON, in answer to a question from Mr. CRAWFORD, said, that he had "received so many complaints and objections against the Medical Registration Bill (Mr. Brady's), that he should consider it his duty to resist its further progress". The *Times*, we observe, represents the Home Secretary to have merely said that he would oppose "certain provisions of the Bill". The report of the *Morning Advertiser* exactly tallies with information which we had previously received as to Lord Palmerston's intentions. In a letter dated April 4th, addressed to a member of the Reform Committee of the ASSOCIATION, a member of Parliament thus expresses himself:—

"In compliance with your request, I have seen Lord Palmerston this afternoon, and privately put to him the questions contained in your letter. He tells me that your Medical Bill requires much consideration; but that he is *not without hopes of being able to bring it in this session*; and also adds, that *Mr. Brady's Bill will not do at all, and that it is his intention to oppose it.*"

The report of the *Morning Advertiser* we know to be correct; and, upon the authority of Mr. Crawford himself, we are enabled to make this statement.