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## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

**REPORT OF MEETING IN REFERENCE TO DR. TAYLOR'S CASE.** In condensing the report, we find that we have stated it as Mr. Halton's opinion, that he would "enforce" an examination if his patient objected. The word "urge" would have more correctly conveyed Mr. Halton's meaning. Dr. Taylor's case is now under investigation by the Committee; and it is therefore right to reserve farther remarks upon it till the result of the inquiry has been made known.

**DR. MOFFAT.** We regret to state, that from the continuance of Dr. Moffat's indisposition, we are still deprived of his weekly meteorological report.

**LANCET SLANDERS.** We have had our attention called to sundry recent *Lancet* slanders against ourselves and other individuals; but we really do not think that it is incumbent upon us to devote our columns to the defence of gentlemen who neither ask nor require defence. When the *Lancet* imputes vile and dishonourable conduct to individuals, it is chiefly because his readers must have spicy and abusive articles. The *Lancet* commands an adequate sale by trafficking in calumnies; and until the morality and good taste of the profession become improved, it would be a commercial blunder in our cotemporary to write in a different style from that which he now adopts. By and bye we may, if space permit, enlarge a little more on these topics. We have, however, a pressure of matter which must first be moderated.

**MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.** The great length of Mr. Rowdon's letter to the Council obliges us to postpone its publication till next week.

**ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS OF SOCIETIES, AND LETTERS** of much value and interest are, from the pressure of advertisements, unavoidably delayed, although we have this week given the large sheet.

**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.

## THE MEDICAL BENEVOLENT COLLEGE.

THE Medical Benevolent College progresses as favourably as its best friends could have even hoped. Money comes into its treasury without any slackening in the current; and the approval of the public and of the profession is undoubtedly becoming every day more decided. This is a cause of rejoicing to the profession, and of much encouragement to those worthy men who are so ungrudgingly and so largely bestowing their valuable time upon the management of the affairs of the institution which is growing up to maturity and usefulness under their fostering care.

To Mr. PROPERT, the great success which has hitherto attended the Medical Benevolent College is, we doubt not, a cause of the deepest thankfulness; for the early career of so great an enterprise cannot but be encompassed by many hopes and fears. Long may his courage be animated, his perseverance sustained, and his philanthropy rewarded, by the same success which now attends his labours; and may his life be spared for many years to the noble cause which he has created as his imperishable monument!

In a subsequent page will be found the very interesting

proceedings at the recent annual festival of the College. We specially commend to the notice of our readers the eloquent and just tribute paid to our profession by that enlightened patriot, Lord SHAFTESBURY.

## MR. BRADY'S MEDICAL REGISTRATION BILL THROWN OUT.

MR. BRADY'S Medical Registration Bill was thrown out on Wednesday, by a majority of 118 to 69, upon the motion of Mr. Craufurd "that it be committed this day six months". A report of the proceedings will be found at page 427.

In reply to many inquiries which we have received regarding the position of the Bill of the Association since the Conference, we beg to state, upon the authority of the Secretary of the Medical Reform Committee, that the rumour of its abandonment, which has been industriously circulated, has not the slightest foundation in truth. On the contrary, in accordance with the suggestions of those gentlemen whose assistance was asked by the Committee, the Bill has been modified and simplified, and the Committee expect soon to place it in the hands of Lord Palmerston. Let us hope that, now Mr. Brady's Bill no longer exists to distract and confuse our minds, a friendly cooperation may be established among all those who honestly wish to see a good measure carried through Parliament. We do not make these remarks to deprecate free discussion; but to suggest, that if any advantage is to result from free discussion, it can only be through mutual concession.

## THE ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

WE have already expressed our opinions regarding the Committee of the Royal Free Hospital; and those who wish to refer to them and to the grounds upon which they were formed, will be able to find both in the leading articles and the news columns of the JOURNAL. We have nothing to add and nothing to diminish. As, however, bamboozlement is still persisted in with adroitness and pertinacity, we have thought it right to publish the letter of Lord Robert Grosvenor and Lord Ebrington, which will be found in a subsequent page. The "offences", "injuries", "asspersions", and "libels", so much talked of by the Committee's journalist, seem to be fairly estimated by their lordships. Should the long talked of verdict of the Medico-Ethical Society of Manchester be soon given, we shall place it likewise before our readers.