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## NOTICE.

### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE ASSOCIATION.

SUBSCRIPTIONS for the current year became due on the 1st day of January last; and subscriptions for next year will be due on January 1st, 1855. Members are requested to make their post-office orders payable at the General Post Office, London. Subscriptions may be paid at the Office of the JOURNAL, 37 Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, during business hours.

JOHN ROSE CORMACK,

General Secretary to the Prov. Med. and Surg. Association.

21, Edwards Street, Portman Square, London,  
20th October, 1854.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

BOOKS RECEIVED. [*An asterisk is prefixed to the names of Members of the Association.*] 1. FRESNIUS, C. Remigius. A System of Instruction in Quantitative Chemical Analysis. Second edition. Edited by J. Lloyd BULLOCK. pp. 624. London: 1854. 2. \*LEE, Henry. Pathological and Surgical Observations. pp. 282. London: 1854. 3. MACKENZIE, William, M.D. A Practical Treatise on the Diseases of the Eye: with an Anatomical Introduction explanatory of a Horizontal Section of the Human Eyeball, by Thomas Wharton Jones, F.R.S. Fourth edition, thoroughly revised and corrected. pp. 1707. London: 1854. 4. PLATTNER, Professor, and MÜSPRATT, Sheridan. On the Use of the Blowpipe. pp. 405. London: 1854. 5. SHIELD, Mary. The Stepping Stone to Animal and Vegetable Physiology. pp. 90. London: 1854.

ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS have been received from Mr. GAMGEE and Mr. GERRARD, and will appear.

LETTER BOX. Mr. Ansell's letter is in type. The letter of Mr. Carpenter, (with enclosures), and Dr. Budd's letter, we have been obliged to postpone.

PERISCOPIC REVIEW AND REPORTS OF SOCIETIES. The Reports on Midwifery and Toxicology, if possible, in our next. Reports of the Epidemiological and Medical Societies, are in type. To enable us to make up lee way with these departments, our correspondents must not complain of delay occurring with some Original Articles, and of a temporary closure of the Letter Box.

MANCHESTER ANNUAL ADDRESSES. The non-appearance of these papers seems to be greatly misunderstood. In reply to letters now before us, we would remark:—1. The non-appearance in the Journal of the papers of Drs. Conolly and Radford, as part of the proceedings of the anniversary meeting, has arisen from their not having been sent to us for publication. Had the publication of these papers in the Journal been ordered by the annual meeting, they would have appeared on the following week. 2. Less than one number of the Journal would suffice to contain every word of the addresses read by Drs. Conolly and Radford—the "annual addresses" delivered at Manchester. 3. The Central Council have authority to publish these addresses in a separate form at the expense of the Association, the following motions having been carried unanimously:—"1st. That it be referred to the Central Council at Worcester to publish the various addresses which have been directed by the Association to be published—the expenses to be paid by the Treasurer. 2nd. That twenty-five copies of each address be presented to the several authors." The publication in a separate form has been decided against by the Central Council upon financial grounds. Members, in criticising this decision, ought to remember that the postage alone of these addresses in a pamphlet or book-form to each member of the Association, would amount to six weeks' postage of the Journal, or in other words, to £35. However, the question is one for the settlement of the Central Council, to whom we trust our correspondents will in future address themselves on this subject. The publication of the addresses in the Journal would not add to ordinary Journal expenses; but it would, it is thought, be disliked by some members, including the authors. It would involve no special honour. Their non-appearance in these pages is at all events no fault of ours; and if it is a fault at all, it can be remedied by the authors forwarding their MSS. to the JOURNAL, with consent of the Central Council, to whom, we repeat, the whole matter was entrusted by a special vote.

NUMBERS OF THE JOURNAL WANTED. The numbers of the Journal (53 to '78) for the first six months of 1854, except Nos. 55 (two editions), 57, and 62, are out of print; as are also Nos. 79 and 81. Numerous orders having been received for these numbers from members and others who are unable to complete their sets, notice is hereby given, that for a week from this date, or till twenty or thirty copies of each of these numbers have been collected, sixpence will be paid at the office for each copy. It will be particularly obliging if gentlemen who do not bind their Journals will forward the above named numbers. The inability to supply complete sets of the Journal has been a great source of loss to the Association, as it has caused many gentlemen who have expressed a wish to join the Association at once, to decide that as they could not be supplied with the Journal for 1854, they would date their membership, in place of 1st January last, from 1st January 1855. Several new members who have paid their subscription for 1854 have not yet received complete sets; and one reason for inserting this notice is that justice may be rendered to these gentlemen.

## CAN THE PLAN AND MANNER OF THE JOURNAL BE IMPROVED?

*Can the plan and manner of the JOURNAL be improved without increasing the expenditure beyond the limits assigned by the Association?* This question we have often and anxiously asked ourselves: and we have to a certain extent approached its satisfactory solution. Before acting upon our own views, however, we desire, as we stated last week, to correct them by a comparison with the opinions of our colleagues. Duty and inclination alike point out this as a proper course to adopt in contemplation of the commencement in January of a third volume of the present series of the JOURNAL. The Association has decided upon maintaining at a defined expenditure an organ of weekly communion; and since that decision was come to, hundreds of medical men have joined our ranks solely because they recognised in the JOURNAL a bond of brotherly union, a source of mutual improvement, and a useful arena for the discussion of questions affecting the science and polity of the profession. It is, therefore, our duty to adapt the plan and manner of the JOURNAL, as much as possible, to the requirements of the general body of members; and to enable us to do so by obtaining opinions in a form capable of comparison and analysis, we very earnestly request candid answers to the following questions:—

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2. State in a condensed form the manner in which you think the JOURNAL may be improved.

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7. REPORTS OF SOCIETIES. Do they occupy too much space? or would you prefer fuller reports? Name the societies whose reports you like best, and like least?

8. ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE. Is there too much or too little space given to this department?

9. EDITOR'S LETTER BOX. What do you think of this department?

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