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NEW SERIES.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE EDITOR AND GENERAL SECRETARY TO 37, RUSSELL SQUARE, LONDON.

THE ARTICLES OF DR. DAVEY, MR. DUNN, DR. COTTON, MR. MASON, and MR. BARTRUM, though in type, are unavoidably postponed from want of space.

MR. PARKER'S Lecture has been received.

ERRATA IN MR. SOLOMON'S PAPER. In last week's number, page 511, line 8, for "at the moment of the foreign body," read "at the moment of entrance of the foreign body"; at the same page, 23rd line from bottom, for "aqueous body," read "aqueous humour".

PARAGRAPHS FROM OUR PORTFOLIO.

XXXI. THE CORONER'S COURT IN DERBYSHIRE. We ask our readers to peruse with attention a letter at p. 541, from Dr. WEBB, of Wirksworth, upon the Coroner's Court in Derbyshire. The disclosures therein contained are absolutely astounding, yet they are authenticated in such a way as to prevent the possibility of their being impugned. We ask Dr. Webb and other associates in Derbyshire to come forward with additional information regarding the proceedings of Messrs. Mander at Bakewell, so that the magistrates of the county and Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department, may deal with them in accordance with the demands of outraged decency and justice.

The Coroner's Court is, in its present state, in most places, an useless complication of the criminal jurisprudence of England; and we could name other counties besides Derby in which the inquiries of the coroner are "mere shams"; and in very many cases which we could cite, they have been the means of defeating justice. The uses and abuses of the Coroner's Court form a subject of great magnitude and importance; and we intend on some future occasion to devote to its careful consideration a series of articles. In the mean time, we shall be glad to place on record, for future analysis, facts bearing upon the proposed inquiry.

XXXII. NAVAL MEDICAL REFORM ASSOCIATION. We trust that the Committee are securing the funds necessary to carry on the arduous and probably protracted contest upon which they have entered. Funds are the sinews of war.

We are happy to understand that the College of Physicians of London, the College of Surgeons of England, and the Apothecaries' Society, have promised cordial assistance. Several Branches of the PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION will, we learn, have their attention directed to the subject at their approaching annual meetings. In various towns, petitions to Parliament have been numerously signed in support of the views of the Naval Medical Reform Association: and, upon the whole, we regard the prospects of the Society as at present most en-

couraging. We hope that every loyal member of the profession will aid in this good cause. Next week we shall return to the subject.

"COMPLETE PROTECTION AGAINST QUACKS AND QUACKERY."

NO. III.

As a pecuniary speculation, the scheme has collapsed. Only two £5 members have been enrolled since our last; and to fill up the Guide, a shoal of authors are taken in to Mr. Yearsley's advertising company, free, gratis, and for nothing! The five-pound men are distinguished from the ignoble vulgar by having a star prefixed to their names.

For example, Dr. PARIS, the President of the College of Physicians, is recommended: but then he has no star—the distinction being reserved for such men as Dr. ROWE and Sir JAMES EYRE, who have paid Mr. Yearsley five pounds to proclaim to the public their addresses in London, and their talents for relieving the stomach from its difficulties. We should like to know what Mr. Baker and other City men think of this new phase in the great medical advertising scheme.

Mr. Yearsley is said to have received three resignations; but as he has not announced them, we cannot vouch for the truth of the rumour. We shall be glad to hear on this subject from those whose reputations are concerned. Our own path of duty in this matter is very plain; and it shall not be departed from.

The two gentlemen who have joined since the publication of our last number, are—

CANTON, E., Montague St., Russell Sq.* .. for GOUT.

PAUL, A., 29, Upper North Place..... „ HEMORRHOIDS.

OUR ARMY MEDICAL SYSTEM.

NO. X.

THE Heads of the Medical Department may well pray to be defended from their friends. We wanted to be done with the men, who have been condemned by all *disinterested* persons, and to watch the progress of the system which is still on its trial—some say, undergoing reform. Sir WM. BURNETT has got his thousand a year retiring pension, which, with the profits of his patent disinfecting fluid, will, we trust, make him continue to forget the days when he messed with the middies: and, as Lord ABERDEEN received his garter at the close of his break-down, we presume the Army DIRECTOR-GENERAL ought to have his thousand a year and knighthood, at the least, at the close of his services. In

* The addresses are again given this week.