

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

LETTERS and other COMMUNICATIONS for the JOURNAL should be directed to the private address of the Editor, 39, Curzon Street, May Fair.

To CONTRIBUTORS. The Editor would feel glad if Members of the Association and others would cooperate with him in establishing as a rule, that in future no paper for publication shall exceed two pages of the Journal in length. If the writers of long communications knew as well as the Editor does, that lengthy papers always deter the reader from commencing them, this great evil would never arise. Brevity is the soul of medical writing—still more than of wit.

Members should remember that corrections for the current week's JOURNAL should not arrive later than Wednesday.

Mr. BORHAM's paper on Tracheotomy in Quinsy will shortly appear.

Mr. W. CANTRELL. Your communication shall appear in our next publication.

MANCHESTER MEMBER. The paper on Chorea was inserted without the proper direction of the Associate, which was unintentionally suppressed by the printer. It should have been Strangeways, Manchester, and not simply Manchester. The writer is an old contributor to the *Lancet*, and *Medical Times*, as well as to the *Association Journal*.

Is a Poor Law Medical Officer bound to attend a poor person, not a pauper, on the order of the Overseer of his Township? In answer to this question, published at the request of a correspondent last week, we have received the following letters.

"Having been a Medical Officer to a large district of the Poor-Law Union ever since the law came into operation, I beg to say from experience, that your correspondent of last week was bound to attend to the medical order received by him from the Overseer; though the man was not receiving relief at the time, he ought to have attended to the case, and according to the consolidated order some time since issued, to have informed the Relieving Officer; the Overseer and the Relieving Officer are the only persons to send such orders, and it mattereth not if the person is destitute, to what place he belongs.

"A Guardian cannot issue a medical order, as he is only operative when at the Board.

"Stockport, Cheshire, Dec. 4th, 1855."

"Sir.—The following is the opinion of the Poor Law Board, as contained in a letter addressed to me some time since, in reply to my communication requesting information as to the power of an Overseer to give an order for medical relief.

"An Overseer is empowered to give an order for medical relief in cases of accidents, or sudden and dangerous illness, but he is required forthwith to report the particulars of such case, in writing, to the Relieving Officer of the District, or to the Board of Guardians; such orders remain in force during the continuance of the emergency."

I am, Sir, etc.
CHARLES HOLMES."

We are obliged to a "Union Surgeon" and Mr. J. THOMAS for answers similar to the above.

Mr. JOSEPH BLACKSHAW. The report shall be inserted next week. It is an admirable example of Malpractice by a Midwife.

Mr. CHARLES HOLMES. Very great press of matter prevents the insertion of your letter in the present number. It will appear in our next. Many thanks for ventilating the subject.

A QUIET MEMBER. The information you seek will in future be supplied regularly to the JOURNAL. We are obliged to you for your congratulations on the great improvement already observable in the *Association Journal*.

Mr. GALL's Case is in type.

THE MILITIA AND THE BALLOT, KENSINGTON. There is no doubt that legally qualified Members of the Profession will be exempt from the provisions of this Bill.

F.R.C.S. SIDMOUTH, DR. D. AND OTHERS. The Hunterian Oration will not be delivered in February next. There is no rule for an annual delivery. It has been omitted on several occasions.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

[* An Asterisk is prefixed to the names of Members of the Association.]

1. The Diseases of the Rectum. *By Richard Quain, F.R.S. Second Edition with Additions. London: Walton and Maberly. pp. 332.
2. Automatic Mechanism as applied to the Construction of Artificial Limbs. By Frederick Grey, Esq. London: H. Renshaw. pp. 221.
3. The Present State of the Theory and Practice of Medicine. (Pamphlet.) By John Hughes Bennett, M.D. Edinburgh: Sutherland and Knox. pp. 24.
4. Chloroform. How shall we insure Safety in its Administration. By Patrick Black, M.D. London: John Churchill.
5. A Manual of Domestic Medicine. *By W. B. Kesteven, F.R.C.S. London: Longman, Brown, Green, and Longmans. 1855. pp. 238.
6. Himalayan Journals. Notes of a Naturalist in Bengal, the Sikkim and Nepal Himalayas, the Khasi Mountains, &c. By Joseph Dalton Hooker, M.D., R.N., F.R.S. 2 vols. London: Murray. pp. 348 vol. I, 345 vol. II.
7. The First Step in Chemistry. By Robert Galloway, F.C.S. Second Edition Enlarged. pp. 302. London: John Churchill.
8. Catechism of Chemical Philosophy. pp. 247. By John Horsley. London: John Churchill.
9. A Treatise on Mechanical Support to the Rectum for the Treatment of Prolapsus and Hemorrhoids. pp. 96. By J. E. Biadore, M.D. London: John Churchill.

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