

the ink-tray: "Presented to J. B. Davis, Esq., by the members of the North Staffordshire Medical Book Society, as an acknowledgment of his valuable services as their Honorary Secretary, Dec. 25th, 1855." After the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and patriotic and other toasts were drank, and the testimonial was presented to Mr. Davis. The proceedings gave the greatest satisfaction.

THE MEDICAL STAFF OF THE TURKISH CONTINGENT. The letter of the Correspondent of the *Times* (January 10th) contains the following paragraph. "My little sketch would be incomplete were I to omit saying anything of our medical department. I have no hesitation in stating that it has done more to bind the affections of the men to our rule than anything else. When first brought among them, cholera was raging in a very virulent form. The medical staff were in confusion; strangers to each other, and to the men over whom they were placed, whose language was unknown to them, without old hands to teach them their duties or old records to guide them, they were dissatisfied to as great a degree as their patients were. Dr. McPherson, however, on his arrival, pitched his tent with theirs, associated with the men, explained to them that he had been for the last twenty years with Mahomedans in the Nizam's army, that Her Majesty's Government had sent him out to take care of them, and that he would treat them as his own sons. He speedily won their confidence, and has got his staff, who have proved first-rate men, into a system equal to that in any portion of Her Majesty's army. Two-thirds of them now speak the language. They are more esteemed by the men than any other officers in the force. Their patients are always sending them small gifts; they stop them in the streets to shake hands with them, and it is really gratifying to see that their labours have been so well rewarded."

YANKEE GRANDILOQUENCE. In the *Nashville Journal of Medicine and Surgery*, Dr. B. H. Washington, in an article confirmatory of Dr. Cartwright's sugar vapour cure for phthisis, states his belief that the patient is indebted to the wholesome nourishment afforded by the cane-juice, or, to use his own expression, in "drinking the hot, worm-destroying, scurvy-curing, teeth whitening, *dextro-gyrate*, cane juice, furnishes the best quality of food for the formation of healthy chyle."

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.

DR. BLACK (Southport). We do not know the reason for the decision of the Council which you call in question. As there will be no further report of its proceedings in this matter, we think your better course would be to address your queries at once to the President.

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from DR. T. RADFORD; MR. JOSEPH HINTON; DR. GREENHILL; MR. G. E. NICHOLAS; MR. JOSEPH WALKER (Burslem); JOHN HATTON, Esq.; DR. P. H. WILLIAMS; DR. O'CONNOR; MR. GRIFFIN; MR. G. M. HUMPHRY; DR. BRINTON; MR. BEECKROFT (Hyde); MR. NATHANIEL WARD; MR. NUNN; MR. T. HOLMES; MR. G. POLLOCK; DR. F. J. BROWN; MR. A. COOPER; MR. W. COLLINS; C. H.; and DR. TRUDIGHUM.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

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

1. London and Provincial Medical Directory for 1856.
2. Half-Yearly Abstract of the Medical Sciences. July and December 1855. By W. H. RANKING, M.D., and C. B. RADCLIFFE, M.D. London: 1855.
3. On Unsoundness of Mind in its Medical and Legal Considerations. By J. W. HUME WILLIAMS, M.D. pp. 232. London: 1856.
4. Consumption: its Causes, Prevention, and Cure. By THOMAS BARTLETT, M.D. pp. 172. London: 1855.

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Fig. 2. THE WHOLE SPIRAL STOCKING: most valuable in varicose veins, oedema of the leg, from various causes, &c. &c. No cure of varicose veins can be expected without it, and the stocking should be used even after the tortuous vessels have been tied. The spiral pressure may be increased or diminished on any point.