

which you have transmitted to this Board have not been overlooked by them, but that they wish to retain them for a short time longer, if they should occasion you no inconvenience by doing so.

"I am, sir, your obedient servant,
"R. N. GAZZ, Secretary."

"12 Royal Terrace, Weymouth, 2nd October, 1856.

"MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, and am happy to hear that the forms have not been overlooked, and that you wish to retain them a short time longer, which I trust implies there is a chance of one of them being adopted, thus affording a slight relief to the union medical officers. Their prayer for a uniform and equitable rate of payment throughout the country, I hope, will also meet with your favourable consideration, and that there will be no need of their again being compelled to ask the aid of the legislature to enforce the recommendation of the Select Committee of the House of Commons.

"I have the honour to be, etc.,
"RICHARD GRIFFIN.

"The Poor-Law Board."

THE MEDICAL STAFF OF THE RUSSIAN ARMY. Each regiment of cavalry has a regimental surgeon and two assistant surgeons; each infantry regiment has a surgeon with four battalion assistant surgeons. On joining, the regimental surgeon has 320 silver roubles (about £72); the battalion surgeon 240 roubles (about £54); somewhat more in the guards. The pay is increased one-third every fifth year, so that in fifteen years it is doubled. To military appointments, physicians, doctors of medicine, and doctors of medicine and surgery, are alike appointed; the latter, however, have the rank of college assessors (*Collegien-Assessor*), but they only gain this title after five years service. The battalion surgeon gains the rank of college-assessor, and, in the guards, that of aulic counsellor (*Hofrath*); the regimental surgeon that of *Hofrath*, and in the guards that of counsellor of state (*Staatsrath*). In peace horses are placed at their service, of which they have not to take care; in war, it appears that they must, without indemnification, provide themselves with horses, which they must, like the officers, maintain at their own cost, even on active service. The expense of forage, which is generally very great, rises in proportion to the rank; the battalion surgeon having to supply forage for their horses; if of the rank of college-assessor, for five; if *Hofrath* or *Staatsrath*, for six. Every four regiments have a surgeon of division, of the rank of *hofrath* or *staatsrath*; every three of these are subordinate to a surgeon of corps, of the rank of *Staatsrath*. There are many general staff surgeons, who are always on the military establishment. Over all is the medical department, at the head of which is a director with the rank of an actual privy counsellor. The military surgeons nearly always wear uniform. Private practice is allowed; but in many cases this does not become very great, on account of the changes of garrisons every four years. The vacancies are filled up from among civil surgeons; no regiment draws its surgeons from a particular province, but all are sent to the large towns, and thence appointed to different corps. All the Russian surgeons take an active interest in the progress of medicine; most of them, especially the younger ones, understand German, and eagerly study medical works in that language. There are also selected surgeon's mates (*Feldscheere*; *Cyrułnik*) with the rank of non-commissioned officer; they can gain the grade of college-registrar. They are trained in the large hospitals. At St. Petersburg, there is a school for them in the Abukow Hospital, under the direction of Dr. Sauer, where soldiers' children are instructed from their fourteenth year in the necessary general and medical knowledge. At the age of nineteen, they join the army, and are very useful assistants. In case of necessity, they undertake the ligation of arteries. Many of them, after completing their period of service, enter into general practice; and some have appointments in the infirmaries belonging to the great landed proprietors. (*Deutsche Klinik*, August 2nd, 1856.)

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, BIRMINGHAM. The annual dinner of the students of this institution was held at the Union Inn, Birmingham, on October 2nd. There was a larger number present than on any former occasion. The chair was occupied by Mr. Josephus A. Williams, the student who has gained most distinction during the year, in anatomy and physiology, and has carried off one of the gold medals of the London University. Amongst the professors present were Mr. Sands Cox, Dr. Davies, Mr. Berry, Mr. Bolton, Dr. Heslop, Mr. Knowles, Mr. Oliver

Pemberton, Dr. Jordan, Mr. Furneaux Jordan, and the Rev. B. Gibson. Numerous students and visitors were also present. Letters regretting their inability to attend had been received from the Hon. and Rev. Grantham Yorke, the Rev. E. St. John Parry (Warden) the Rev. T. E. Espin (Professor of Pastoral Theology), Dr. James Johnston, M.D., Mr. George Shaw, Mr. Langston Parker, Dr. George Fife, Mr. H. Rofe, Mr. Marshall, Mr. J. West (Resident Surgeon at the Queen's Hospital) and from most of the former students.

The usual loyal toasts having been drunk, the Chairman gave "Prosperity to Queen's College." He remarked that that institution, like others, had had times of prosperity and seasons of adversity, but he believed it had never yet failed to scatter its benefits abroad. As long as it was supported by men whose heart was in their work, they might safely predict of the College that what it had yet been was but the vigorous youth of a still more vigorous manhood. Its distinguished founder, and the founder of the Queen's Hospital, was their guest that evening. All of them knew his labours, his sacrifices, and his universal philanthropy. All had experienced his kindness, for wherever the students were ready to learn, he was ready to teach. When they were in their cradles, Mr. Sands Cox was toiling at his favourite object, a scheme which had for its aim the benefit of his fellow townsmen and the relief of suffering humanity. Two noble institutions attested the value of his labours, and would be ever associated with his name; and he (the Chairman,) could not utter a better wish than that they might emulate his zeal, and follow humbly and at a distance in his footsteps. He would give them, "Floreat Collegium Reginae Birminghamiensis," and would couple with it the name of the Professor of Anatomy, Mr. Bolton. The toast was drunk very warmly.

Mr. Bolton, in acknowledging the compliment, remarked that in the few observations made by him on the previous day respecting medical education, he ventured to express a hope that the hints thrown out as to the mode of study to be pursued would have their effect in the continued success of the students, and an increasing determination to maintain their high character and reputation. It had been said by some that a heavy and dark cloud was about to hang over the proceedings of the College, and that the sun of its glory was about to set. He was not discouraged by such opinions, nor did he participate in them, for as long as they ranked among the students such men as Bond, Williams, Neale, and others who had distinguished themselves at the College and elsewhere, he would not despair of its success, as they had in the names of those gentlemen the highest security and best guarantee for their future success and prosperity. He hoped the proceedings of the previous day would stimulate the students to increased exertion, and they would doubtless see at no distant day the students of Queen's College attain the highest honour and place in their profession. He asked them to drink to the health of the prizemen of Queen's College, coupled with the name of Mr. Williams, who had this year obtained very distinguished honours.

The healths of the Warden (Mr. Parry), Mr. Sands Cox, Dr. Heslop, Dr. James Johnstone, Mr. L. Parker, Dr. Davies, Dr. Jordan, Dr. Fife, Mr. Knowles, Mr. Pemberton, Mr. Jordan, etc., were also duly honoured.

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

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

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