

IN the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of November 21st, 1863, we stated that the attorney for the plaintiff in the action brought against Dr. Philbrick, at Leamington, had been struck off the rolls. We inserted the remark on the strength of information the truth of which we had no reason to doubt. We now, however, find that our information was wholly untrue, and therefore at once hasten to contradict the statement, and to say that we deeply regret having given insertion to it, and having thus been unwittingly led into injuring the feelings of Mr. Overell of Leamington, the gentleman referred to; whose character, we are glad to learn, stands too well in his own town to have sustained any injury from the mistake.—EDITOR OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL.

ERRATUM.—In Mr. F. Jordan's letter in last week's JOURNAL, page 82, column 1, line 12, for "*glands of the eyeball*," read "*fluids of the eyeball*."

POOR-LAW GUARDIANS AND BONE-SETTERS.—A correspondent calls our attention to the following order for payment, which appears in a country paper under the head "The Board of Guardians of Peterborough." We recommend the item to the attention of the Poor-Law Board. "A claim of £4:4 from Mr. Mason, Wisbech, for bone-setting, was presented, and ordered to be paid."

ERRATUM.—Dr. H. G. Wright, of Somerset Street, Portman Square, is the Treasurer of the Fund to be applied to the liquidation of the debts of the Medical Registration Society, and not Mr. Lavies.

IRIDECTOMY.—We beg to state, in reference to numerous letters which we have received on this subject, that, considering the purely scientific character of the discussion, we can in future insert no letters to which the names of the writers are not appended.

T. S.—*Pogonotrophy* means, we suppose, the cultivation of the beard. Dr. Belcher lately delivered a lecture at the Association of the College of Physicians in Dublin, on "The Hygienic Aspect of Pogonotrophy." We, of course, applaud the use of such terms, because they attract attention, and strike awe into the mind of the public. Who would listen to a lecture "On the Uses of the Beard?"

F. S.—Medical journalists are not omniscient, and some of them less stuffed with correct information than others. The journal in question made a complete error, and did the College an injustice. The right under which Dr. Gibbon claimed his fee was not, as the journal said, a bye-law of the College of Physicians; the right was obtained under the Medical Act, which gave to all registered medical practitioners the legal power of obtaining their fees. But the Medical Act also gave Colleges of Physicians the power of passing a bye-law whereby they could restrain their fellows and members from availing themselves of the privilege. Of this permission, the London College availed itself, so far as regards its fellows. It is therefore a simple error to say, that "this right arises from a bye-law of the College, and that it is likely to lower the status of the physician in the eyes of the public." We hope the journal referred to will put itself right with the College and the profession by correcting its error.

ANENKEPHALOUS MONSTER.—SIR: Some little time ago, I was engaged by a woman in this locality to attend her in her approaching confinement. She told me that she had suffered very severely in this her fourth pregnancy. She was very large; much larger, she said, than on any previous occasion. She had two children living, both tolerably healthy; at one confinement, the child died a few hours after birth, and she afterwards suffered from phlegmasia dolens.

On the evening of December 29th, 1863, I was called to her; I found that she had been in labour some time; that the os was fully dilated, and the membranes unbroken; they, however, were ruptured at the commencement of my examination, and the floor was immediately flooded by an enormous quantity of liquor amnii. On resuming my examination, I found the child's head very low down, but of a most extraordinary shape—only by the ears and nose could I identify it. A very few pains were sufficient to expel the child, and then I found it to be a complete female specimen of the anenkephalous monster. The eyes were exceedingly prominent; the skull running back from the superciliary ridge; the back part of the head and the base of the skull covered by a dark red membrane, continuous with the integument; the body in every other respect was well developed.

Should you think this case worthy of publication, I shall be obliged to you for the space it will take up in your JOURNAL.

I am, etc., W. ROBERT ROBERTS, M.R.C.S.Eng.
Barnetby, Lincolnshire, January 2nd, 1864.

ICE IN MEDICINE.—SIR: As I have for some years employed ice as a prophylactic in medicine and surgery, and have noticed the practice of others, and the writings thereon by some celebrated men, it appears to me that the absence of abundant supply of the article in this kingdom in our fresh-water reservoirs is too evident, and that the assistance of mercantile enterprise would justly be invited to supply the present inadequate supply. The principle of medicine is evidently vastly altered within my experience of thirty-five years; consequently, substitutes have been offered for bleeding, opium, and mercury, in the uses of belladonna, tin splints, and ice, which are now fairly proposed for public examination.

I am, etc., WILLIAM PARKER, M.R.C.S., L.A.C.

Bath, January 15th, 1864.

P.S. The tin splints are now in the Museum of Patents amongst originals; and notice of them is made in the first catalogue of this national establishment; consequently, they will live beyond the age of any child living; and they are daily in use by myself on any and every part of the body.

THE DRUGGIST'S COMPLAINT.—SIR: Seeing an extract from a "druggist's complaint" in your JOURNAL of January 2nd, may I ask if the medical profession is wholly free from blame in this matter? None can doubt but that the druggist's duty is as dispenser, seller of drugs and other etc.; then why do medical men do so much of this shop-work, or any, seeing respectable and educated chemists are now to be found all over England? Practitioners in Scotland, I believe, prescribe for their patients, and leave to the druggist the compounding of the drugs. Can this not be done south of the Tweed? Even men holding underpaid public appointments, union or other, may make a very satisfactory arrangement with the chemist. Of course, a better class practice would well cover its expenses, and the best would pay its own druggist's bill.

I cannot help feeling that it is in vain to expect the chemist to act honestly towards us, unless we act honestly towards him. "Do as we would be done by," here again should be our rule.

I am, etc., PERCY LESLIE, M.D.

8, Windsor Terrace, Eastbourne, Sussex, Jan. 15, 1864.

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—MR. OLIVER PENDERTON; MR. DAYMAN; DR. A. T. H. WATERS; MR. WILLIAM COPNEY; MR. F. JORDAN; DR. MALCOLM; MR. SPROULE; MR. HENRY LEE; DR. C. HOLMAN; THE REGISTRAR OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON; DR. ROUTH; MR. ROWLES; B. W.; MR. WILLIAM BOWMAN; G. D. R. M'C.; DR. BADER; MR. DIXON; MR. CUTCLIFFE; DR. W. H. DAY; DR. ADDISON; MR. PYLE; MR. JABEZ HOGG; DR. LATHAM; DR. MAUDSLEY; THE HON. SECRETARY OF THE ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY; MR. WILLIAM EDDOWES, JUN.; MR. T. F. EDWARDS; MR. W. PARKER; DR. P. LESLIE; MR. NUNNELEY; DR. GILLIBRAND; DR. KIDD; MR. T. M. STONE; DR. S. BROWNE; MR. SOLOMON; and DR. E. C. SEATON.

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St. Andrew's, January 14th, 1864.

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Reigate, 16th January, 1864.

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