

F. T.—Medical men are exempted from serving on juries by reason of the nature of their occupation, and on the theory that the public health would suffer if the doctor were thereby prevented from attending to his patients. Butchers are not exempted, but are forbidden, to serve on juries; and we believe on the theory, that the nature of their business is such as to render them callous to the call of mercy! No doubt such an outrageous pretence, if it were discussed at the present day, could not stand good for a moment. Butchers are, we suppose, willing to put up with the imputation, on account of the relief which they thereby gain from the performance of an onerous duty.

FREEMAN'S CHLORODYNE.—SIR: Having not only written to Mr. Freeman and to the various medical journals in which his advertisement has appeared, to the effect that "*Freeman's Chlorodyne*" is not used at this hospital, but also having had an interview with Mr. Freeman, in the presence of Messrs. Foster and Marriott, the house-surgeons of this hospital, on which occasion I told him that his (*Freeman's Chlorodyne*) was never used here by any member of the medical staff, I take the present opportunity of asking your kind insertion of this letter. I may further add, Dr. Irwin is not resident medical officer at this hospital. I am, etc.,

JOHN D. HILL, Resident Medical Officer.
Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, W.C., Feb. 26, 1864.

ADVICE GRATIS.—SIR: I was very much pleased with the very able article on advice gratis, in the JOURNAL of February 13th. In a neighbouring town to where I am practising, the principle is carried on by a general practitioner (who is in aristocratic practice) on market days. The gentleman to whom I allude is M.D., and occupies a good social as well as professional position.

Some years since, a gentleman who practised purely as a physician in the same town, carried on the same style of practice, on market days at first, and at last things got so far, that he was often called out of bed to attend people even in comfortable circumstances; and, having no horse, was compelled to hire a horse and gig, if the patient lived in the country. This gentleman, who was much respected, lived to a good old age, and was at the latter part of his time living upon a fund raised by public subscription for his support. He was, poor man, a friend to the public, but an enemy to his professional brethren and himself.

I wish you could, by your powerful pen, abolish all advice gratis, public and private; it would be better for the patients, as they would have their cases more fully investigated; and it would raise our noble profession in the estimation of the public.

February 1864. I am, etc., ANTI ADVICE GRATIS.

MEDICAL EDUCATION.—SIR: Pray spare me a corner in the JOURNAL to protest against the untrue and illiberal sentiment which a F.R.S. concludes his letter last week. It is downright ingratitude to write in that way, when so much has been done in late years to raise the preliminary education of the medical practitioner, and to lift him from the mechanical level of a drug-vendor and a pulse-feeler. F.R.S. ought to have discovered, long before he won the honoured title which he wears, that there is no antagonism between science and letters; and that the lettered man even makes the best man of science. Both help to elevate and refine the mind, and to discipline the intellectual faculties; each without the other is to that extent maimed and useless.

So far from medicine having nothing to do with Greek and Latin, there are few practical arts in which a knowledge of at least Latin is so essential; and, like most other sciences, the terminology of medicine and surgery is built up largely with words having a classical origin. But the bare utility of a classical education is a poor ground to argue upon; I would rather fall back upon the old-fashioned but true dogma, that a fair knowledge of Greek and Latin is an element of a refined and liberal education; and that it is disgraceful for a member of a learned profession to be ignorant of languages which have been such noble instruments in the mental culture of the human race. If the advice of F.R.S. were followed, medical men would soon be unfit for the society of gentlemen: but, fortunately, there is no fear of our Medical Boards pursuing such a narrow and retrograde course.

Bath, February 29th, 1864.

I am, etc., J. K. S.

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—Dr. WILLIAM ADDISON; Mr. R. S. FOWLER; Dr. ROUTH; Mr. CHRISTOPHER HEATH; THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE HARVEIAN SOCIETY OF LONDON; Dr. O. VON FRANQUE; Dr. G. M. HUMPHRY; Mr. T. CHURTON; Dr. T. M. ROOKE; Dr. SAMUEL MARTYR; Mr. WILLIAM BOWMAN; Dr. RICHARDSON; Dr. WADE; Dr. KIDD; Mr. R. B. REID; Dr. FLAXMAN SPURRELL; Dr. GIBB; Dr. W. TILBURY FOX; Mr. W. C. BURDER; Dr. WOLFE; Mr. STONE; Dr. THOMAS LAYCOCK; Dr. F. J. BROWN; Dr. G. BOYINGTON; Mr. RICHARD GRIFFIN; Dr. J. W. OGLE; Dr. THOMAS BOYCOTT; Dr. WILLIAM OGLE; Mr. LAWSON; META; SENEX; and Dr. J. D. RENDLE.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

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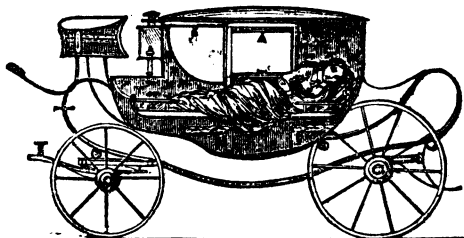
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