

THE PARTRIDGE FUND.—The Treasurer of this Fund requests us to say that he has acknowledged receipt of all subscriptions received by him in the following Birmingham papers:—*The Gazette*, the *Journal*, and the *Midland Counties Herald*; and that when the subscription-list is closed, it is his intention to send a copy of the list to each subscriber. He will feel much obliged to any gentleman who has forwarded a subscription, and who may not have received an acknowledgment, to communicate with him; and regrets that there should have been any error on this point. Dr. Bell Fletcher is the Treasurer of this Fund.

THE LINGEN TESTIMONIAL FUND.—SIR: It appears to me that the comparison instituted in last week's *JOURNAL* between this and the Fraser case, and your remarks on the decision of the Committee to purchase, for Dr. Lingen's acceptance, a piece of plate with the balance left after defraying the legal expenses of his suit, appear to have been made in forgetfulness of the fact, that the bulk of the money was contributed by his private and non-professional friends: now, though I concur in the sentiment that it is not desirable that any part of money subscribed by the profession to aid one of its members to meet the costs of an iniquitous action, should be expended in a testimonial; yet it is clear that Dr. Lingen's case was quite an exceptional one.

The incident that led to this action was, in its nature, more a social than a professional one: and though the movement for a Testimonial Fund originated with his medical friends, it professed to be, and was from the first, of a mixed character. The Committee was formed before the legal proceedings terminated, and when Dr. Lingen was threatened with a fresh trial; and, to quote the words of the earliest resolution of that Committee, it was intended to "give expression to the sympathy and unabated respect entertained for him by his medical and private friends." The contributions, too, came in far greater abundance from his private friends than they did from professional sources, as is attested by the long list just issued to the subscribers, with the chairman's statement of accounts, which shows that out of nearly four hundred contributors, eighty-two only were medical men; and of these, I am assured, the greater number were his old and intimate friends. It would seem, therefore, that the profession contributed very little above a fourth of the sum paid by the Committee for the legal expenses, and less than a fifth of the amount subscribed. Under these circumstances, I submit that it would not have been competent to the Committee to alienate for professional purposes any part of the money entrusted to their keeping.

March 7th, 1864.

I am, etc., A CONTRIBUTOR.

[The original Committee who started this Fund were all medical men; and, we believe, we are correct in saying, that the working Committee has throughout been virtually, if not nominally, a Medical Committee. The Fund having been got up by a Medical Committee, became naturally a matter of professional interest. No doubt in the case of the Fraser Fund, also, a portion of the subscription was from non-professional friends. Our opinion, therefore, remains unchanged. EDITOR.]

NIGHT AIR.—SIR: The following is a brief description of my mode of obtaining pure air in a bed-room at night. A tin tube, one inch in diameter, and open at both ends, has one end inserted in a hole in the window-frame at the top, communicating directly with the external air, and the other end bent at right angles so that the internal opening is at a distance of about two feet from the head of a person lying in bed. The tube is suspended near the ceiling, and carried right across the room, the bed being against a wall at the opposite side of the room to that in which the window is. The tube is nearly horizontal, but slightly inclined towards the bed. A paper wheel anemometer is attached to the internal opening of the tube, which wheel turns with a very slight current of air. The length of tube allows the air, however cold outside, to attain the same temperature as that of the room, before it reaches the bed. In this way a gentle current of pure air is kept up all night, only where it is wanted; namely, close to the mouth. By this method, the difficulties attending the general ventilation of a room are avoided; and by it, as far as experiment yet goes, the sleeper derives the full benefit of a constant supply of fresh air, in perhaps the simplest manner possible. At all events, almost no expense is required; and any one can get a similar contrivance made in an hour or two. I have never been able to detect the slightest draught while lying in bed, no doubt owing to the fact that the air is warmed, though fresh; and the constancy of the in-coming current is shown by the perpetual rotation of the anemometer, usually performing about a hundred turns per minute.

I am, etc.,

Clifton, March 6th, 1864.

WILLIAM C. BURDER, F.R.A.S.

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EDWARD GIBBON, Chairman,

Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, 3rd March, 1864.

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Pall Mall East, 1864. H. A. PITMAN, M.D., Registrar.

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By order of the Senatus Academicus,
14th March, 1864. ALEXANDER MUIR, Secretary.

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B. W. RICHARDSON, M.D., Hon. Treasurer.
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