

MEDICAL EDUCATION.—SIR: In your remarks on medical education in the JOURNAL of April 30th, you state that there are numbers of persons who have no qualification, save the license of the Apothecaries' Society, but who practise surgery, although this forms no part of the examination to which they have been subjected. You further add, that such dangerous irregularities surely ought not to be allowed; and that the public should be protected against the ill consequences which cannot fail to arise from this state of things. Now, sir, what can the public do in a case like the following?

Mr. Black possesses a license to practise medicine; and Mr. White holds a surgical diploma, in addition to a medical license. Both parties reside in the same street or village; and both display to public gaze the brass plate, with the title of surgeon in large letters. Thus both are, in the eyes and estimation of the public, on a par; in fact, both are surgeons, although Mr. White has studied for, and passed his examination in, anatomy, surgery, etc., at the College of Surgeons, paid his £21, and obtained his diploma authorising him to practise the art and science of surgery, all of which is quite foreign to Mr. Black.

How often do we see in the police reports accounts of parties convicted for obtaining money under false pretences? and what is Mr. Black doing, I would ask, but obtaining money under false pretences? He is, in fact, gulling the public, and obtaining fees to which he has no just claim. It is true, we have the Medical Act, the fortieth section of which pretends to furnish a provision for such cases; but whose duty is it to interfere in such cases? Is it the duty of the College of Surgeons (which, I consider, ought to defend the rights and privileges of its members), or is Mr. White justified in bringing Mr. Black to account to answer for his pretensions to the title of surgeon? Of what value is the diploma if any one who does not possess it can still take the title?

I would suggest that a man be not allowed to be registered or practise until he obtains the double qualification; and I think that, until something of the kind does take place, the profession will never gain that standing in the estimation of the public which it ought to have; there ought to be more equality. I should like your opinion on the foregoing supposed case.

I am, etc., EQUITAS.

[The true remedy lies with the Medical Council, who should insist that Examining Boards pass no candidates who are not qualified to practise both medicine and surgery. EDITOR.]

THE following interesting notices appeared in the *Times* of the 31st ult.

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2. Pymont: its Chalybeate and Saline Springs. By Dr. Th. Valentiner. Leipzig: 1861.
3. First Annual Report of the Coroner for the Central District of Middlesex. By Edwin Lankester, M.D., F.R.S. London: 1861.
4. A Handbook of Uterine Therapeutics. By Edward J. Tilt, M.D. Second edition. London: 1861.
5. Rheumatism, Gout, Sciatica, and Neuralgia. By John Pursell, M.D. London and Brighton: 1861.
6. Observations on Fatty Heart and Smoking. By H. Kennedy, M.D. Dublin: 1861.
7. The Essentials of Materia Medica and Therapeutics. By A. B. Garrod, M.D., F.R.S. Second edition. London: 1861.
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9. Physiological and Medicinal Properties of the Veratrum Viride. By S. Percy, M.D. Philadelphia: 1861.
10. The Ophthalmoscope: its Varieties and Uses. Translated from the German of Dr. Adolf Zander. By R. B. Carter, M.R.C.S.E. London: 1861.
11. Manual of the Medicinal Preparations of Iron. By H. N. Draper, F.R.S. Dublin: 1861.
12. Ireland, Past and Present: The Land and the People. A Lecture. By Sir William R. Wilde. Dublin: 1861.
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