THE JOURNAL .- SIR: I have just been reading with much interest the report of the annual meeting of the South Midland Branch of the British Medical Association, and should be exceedingly sorry that our valuable Journal should be discontinued. I fully unite with Mr. Watkins and Mr. Terry, that the JOURNAL has been and continues to be of great benefit to the Association, not only by the valuable information it diffuses, but by the lively and increasing interest it creates, not only amongst its members, but in the profession at large. If given up, I do think the Association would dwindle. I value it exceedingly; but, at the same time, am of opinion that its value would be greatly enhanced by communications from the physicians and surgeons of provincial hospitals, as well as the more extensive medical reports of the metropolitan hospitals. Wishing it an increasingly extended circulation,

I am, etc., GEORGE KITCHING, M.D. Enfield, June 17th, 1865.

THE ANNUAL MEETING .- The discussion of the motions of Mr. Carter and of Dr. Davey, and of other such like business of the Association, will come on, at the annual meeting, either on Tuesday evening or on Wednesday morning; but most probably on

Wednesday morning.

THE REPORT OF COUNCIL.-SIR: By your impression of the 1st instant, I see that "the Report to be presented at the Annual Meeting was approved of" by the Committee of Council. It seems to me that if this Report, together with the Financial Statement. could be printed in the JOURNAL one week before, instead of being read at, our Annual Meeting, it would save much valuable time, and members would be better able to discuss it. Last year, a full hour was taken up in reading and discussing a slight misdescription of the scope of the "Union Officers' Superannuation Bill", which had passed into law. I am, etc.,

SEPTIMUS GIBBON, A.B. and M.B. Cantab.

13, Finsbury Square, July 8th, 1865.

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July 1865. P.S.-I enclose my card.

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T. Watkin Williams, General Secretary.

Birmingham, July 1865.

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