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I am, etc., ROBERT FOWLER, M.D.,  
Treasurer and Hon. Sec.

145, Bishopsgate Street Without, December 13th, 1865.

POOR-LAW MEDICAL REFORM.—SIR: Will you oblige me with space to lay before the profession generally, an artful and obscure circumstance. At a meeting of the Guardians of the Chester-le-Street Union, on the 7th ultimo, the Chairman asked me if I knew anything about a "letter" which appeared in the *Lancet* and *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL*, December 2nd. I denied all knowledge of it. The clerk being requested to read it, I at once recognised it to be a copy of one written by me to Mr. Griffin, of Weymouth, that gentleman having thought proper to send it for publication without my knowledge. I do not complain of Mr. Griffin in his anxiety to benefit the profession; but I feel sorry that any "letter" written by me should have reached you for publication without my name being subscribed. I have a great dislike to see statements made, and the "author" of them skulk behind the screen. Had it not been for the honourable conduct of the Chairman, who brought the case before me, I should not have known they were in possession of any "medical news" whatever. I must confess I felt ashamed for the apparent duplicity of my conduct; but considerably more for the *unfortunate individual* who could cast his "profession" adrift, and show up Mr. Griffin's weakness, in order to have a shot at both guardians and medical officer. The question arises—Has every Board in the kingdom been favoured with a copy of these papers? If not, what a wonderful hit some individual made when he forwarded the copies to *this Board*. It could not be to help Mr. Griffin's labours; because his statement is that he is powerless, unless the profession come forward and assist him to pay a debt of £9 still existing. Persons who act in this clandestine manner would take office at any price regardless of their duty to the sick poor. So long as such are to be found, Mr. Griffin's labours may cease; as the hope of improvement is truly forlorn. In conclusion, I had no complaint against the Guardians of this Union; on the contrary, I have always experienced kindness and consideration, their only regret being, that I did not make my complaint to the Board.

I am, etc., JOHN JACKSON, Medical Officer.  
Great Usworth, Gateshead, Dec. 11th, 1865.

## BOOKS RECEIVED.

1. Outlines of Elementary Botany, for the Use of Students. By A. Silver, M.D. London: 1866.
2. Harveian Oration for 1865. By Henry W. Acland, M.D., F.R.S. London: 1865.
3. On Cancer, its Allies and Counterfeits. By T. Weeden Cooke. London: 1865.
4. The Anatomical Remembrancer. Sixth edition. London: 1866.
5. The Pocket Formulary. By Henry Beasley. Eighth edition. London: 1866.
6. On Intrathoracic Cancer. By John Cockle, M.D. Part II. London: 1865.
7. An Introduction to the Study of Medicine. By G. W. Balfour, M.D. Edinburgh: 1865.
8. Treatise on the Principles and Practice of Ophthalmic Medicine and Surgery. By T. Wharton Jones, F.R.S. London: 1865.
9. Australia for the Consumptive. By I. B. Brown. London: 1865.

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T. WATKIN WILLIAMS, General Secretary.

Birmingham, December 1865.

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