

Let, then, the good work be at once commenced; and your correspondent must pardon me for saying, I think no one could be selected better qualified to take the initiative in a project of this kind than himself.

This gentleman has only to give his consent to the publication of his name, and I feel assured that, with your valuable assistance, the best wishes of Dr. Richardson's admirers (and their name is legion) will not only be very fully but very speedily realised.

I am, etc.,
July 19th, 1866.

A MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

SIR: The kindness which induced you to comply with my request, and give insertion to my letter signed "A Physician", has been followed by such a happy result, that I think we have both of us good reason to be satisfied. I never for one moment doubted the suggestion being received with the most hearty approbation; but, I must confess, that I was scarcely prepared for such an almost universal approval.

Many of the letters I have received upon the occasion (and I can scarcely tell you how numerous they have been), from almost all parts of the country, and from professional brethren with whom I have never before had the pleasure of corresponding, are so full of thanks to me for having, as they say, "anticipated their wishes", that I feel constrained, although somewhat reluctantly, thus publicly to announce myself as the initiator of the movement, and, at the same time, to acknowledge through the medium of your columns, the communications I have referred to, as it would be quite out of my power to reply to all, individually, who have addressed me on the subject.

With so strong a proof as I possess of the general desire of the profession to support the movement, I think it would be unwise to delay, for any length of time, the convening a meeting for the purpose of organising a system likely to facilitate the necessary proceedings and to make the success as great and as certain as possible. London must be, I imagine, the best place for the first meeting; and I beg to suggest that the rooms of the Medical Benevolent College in Soho Square, if they can be obtained, would be suitable for the purpose. In the meantime, I shall be happy to receive communications from any one favourable to the object we are wishing to promote.

I am, etc.,
Stafford, July 24th, 1866.

HENRY DAY, M.D.

SIR: Allow me to express the pleasure with which I read in your columns a letter from "A Physician", suggesting a testimonial to Dr. Richardson. I am sure that all who have been spared either the infliction or endurance of pain by means of the process which he has introduced, ought to be glad to avail themselves of such an opportunity of expressing their gratitude to him for this and also for his other valuable services to medical science.

I trust that I shall soon see a subscription-list announced, to which I shall have great pleasure in adding my name. Enclosing my card.

I am, etc., A SURGEON.

DIAGNOSIS OF SUSPECTED PREGNANCY.—SIR: I have an idea that the clinical thermometer may be advantageously employed in the diagnosis of suspected pregnancy.

We country practitioners might go on making experiments for years, without having a sufficient number of cases to enable us to arrive at any positive practical conclusion.

The opportunities enjoyed by pure obstetricians in large towns, would, however, enable them ere long to determine whether the above named instrument is of any value in such cases; and if the hint I have ventured to throw out prove the means of inducing some of my more fortunate brethren to make the needful experiments, perhaps it is not too much to ask if they would kindly record the results in your columns.

I am, etc., HUGH NORRIS.

South Petherton, Ilminster, July 12th, 1866.

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