

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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COMMUNICATIONS.—To prevent a not uncommon misconception, we beg to inform our correspondents that, as a rule, all communications which are not returned to their authors, are retained for publication.

CORRESPONDENTS, who wish notice to be taken of their communications, should authenticate them with their names—of course, not necessarily for publication.

MR. TRUSTAM.—The letter contains matter so much of a private nature, that we think it inadvisable to publish it.

RINDERPEST.—Fracaster speaks of no cutaneous affections; but he observes that, in some animals, the disease descended into the legs and the feet, and that nearly all of these recovered, most of the others dying.

SIR: Can any of your readers inform a country practitioner where he can buy an earthen-ware stove, similar to those which are in common use through Germany and Switzerland?

I am, etc., E. EVANS.  
Nether Stowey, Somerset, July 31st, 1866.

THE BROMPTON HOSPITAL.—A correspondent writes: "The paragraph in the JOURNAL of July 21st, copied from the daily papers, respecting the Madeira patients, was not authorised by the physicians of the Brompton Hospital. The account in the Times of to-day is correct; and is as follows:—

"Consumption Hospital, Brompton. According to the report of the Medical Committee, the effect of the climate of Madeira upon the twenty patients who were sent out by this charity in November last to winter in that island, may be briefly summed up as follows:—Five of the invalids left England in the first stage of the disease, four in the second, and eleven in the third stage. As regards their general health, two out of the twenty returned much improved, seven were slightly improved, four were not so well, and one died suddenly in Madeira from rupture of a blood-vessel (in April), though he had done well up to a certain point. In two cases the chest-symptoms improved; in twelve they remained stationary; and in five they appeared to have advanced. Four patients increased in weight during their absence; thirteen lost weight; and two experienced no change in this respect. The Committee of Management do not consider that the result of the patients' residence in Madeira is sufficiently encouraging to justify them at present in repeating the experiment."

GRATUITOUS MEDICAL SERVICES.—SIR: The following notice is extensively placarded in the neighbourhood of the Westminster Hospital:—"All persons suffering from diarrhoea are urgently requested to take immediate steps to have the disorder arrested. Medicines may be had gratis at the Westminster Hospital any hour of the day or night. July 24th, 1866."

Much has been said lately about unnecessary gratuitous advice. I consider the above to be a gross injustice to resident medical men. Had the notice been addressed to the poor and destitute only, no one could have complained. Would the clerical or legal profession work for all (or any) without fee or reward? Trusting you will give this a place in your JOURNAL. I am, etc.,  
July 27th, 1866. MEDICUS.

THE RICHARDSON TESTIMONIAL.—SIR: I think it is pretty well agreed that a fitting testimonial should be presented to Dr. Richardson for his very great labours in physiology, etc. The only point to consider is, when and where the first meeting, to appoint a committee and other officers, ought to be held for so desirable an object. As the annual meeting of the Association is so soon to take place at Chester, I beg most respectfully to name it as a proper place to hold the first meeting; as doubtless, if publicity were given to it, a large number of medical men, associates and others, would attend. There will, moreover, be members of our profession from all quarters, a thing not likely to happen if a meeting were convened for London, owing to travelling, etc. Many who would like to attend the meeting there, have, no doubt, made up their minds to be present at one of the largest gatherings of medical men—i.e., the annual meeting of the British Medical Association; it would consequently be a double expense to a great many. I am, unfortunately, only a poor country practitioner, but intending giving my mite to the fund, as I consider Dr. Richardson one of our greatest benefactors, and I feel the greatest pleasure in knowing him, and having been one of his pupils at the late Grosvenor Place School of Anatomy.

Dr. H. Day of Stafford being the proposer of the step, under the anonymous title of "Physician", I beg to name him as a most eligible gentleman to advertise for a meeting, and also to act as honorary secretary. I enclose my card. Lincolnshire, July 31st, 1866. I am, etc., M. D.

[Our correspondent will be glad to hear that a preliminary meeting has been called by Dr. Day; and met in London on the 2nd instant. EDITOR.]

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.—SIR: Having read the official announcement made by General Peel and Sir J. Pakington in the House of Commons, to the effect that they purpose carrying out fully the recommendations of the Committee which sat last December to investigate the condition of the Medical Services, I think it will be right to invite attention to the following facts. That the Conservatives were in power, and General Peel and Sir J. Pakington at the head of the War Office and Admiralty respectively, when the Warrants of 1858-59 were issued, which caused so much satisfaction; that, during the following years, commencing with 1860, under the administration of the "so-called" Liberals, very many of the advantages conferred on medical officers during 1858-59 were rescinded, and the conduct of the authorities towards the medical officers of the army and navy such as to cause very general dissatisfaction, resulting in the appointment of a Committee to investigate the alleged grievances, and suggest remedies; that, although that Committee made their report early in the present year, no intimation was given by the late Government of their intention to adopt the recommendations unanimously made (more especially as regarded the army); and that within one month of the return of the Conservatives to power, General Peel and Sir J. Pakington announce, without evasion or hesitation, their determination to carry out fully and fairly, from a given date, the recommendations of the Committee.

Verily, sir, we have occasion to be grateful to the present heads of the War Office and Admiralty for their enlightened and liberal conduct towards our profession, as represented in the public services over which they preside. It is worthy of note that the naval and military medical officers thus a second time receive substantial benefits from the same distinguished gentlemen.

I sincerely trust these facts will not be lost upon the profession.

I am, etc., AN ADVOCATE FOR LIBERAL ACTS.

[It is worthy of note, that the authorities promise to give to army and navy medical officers even more than was asked for by the Admiralty Committee. EDITOR.]

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—MR. RICHARD GRIFFIN; DR. GIBBON; MR. TRUSTAM; DR. J. EDMUNDS; AN ADVOCATE FOR LIBERAL ACTS; MEDICUS; DR. J. GARDNER; MR. MAY; DR. G. HARDIE; DR. G. GRIFFITH; THE SECRETARY OF THE BROMPTON HOSPITAL; MR. T. L. WALFORD; DR. MATTERSON; DR. W. D. MOORE; DR. SAMPSON; MR. E. EVANS; MR. HAYNES WALTON; DR. BROADBENT; DR. M. MACKENZIE; MR. T. WATKIN WILLIAMS; DR. J. C. MURRAY; DR. ROBERTSON; MR. PROPERT; DR. PHILIPSON; MR. HUNT; and MR. R. HARRISON.

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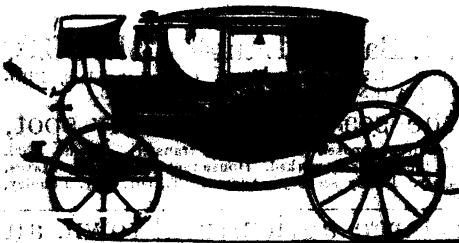
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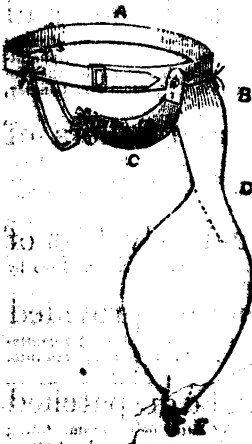
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