

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*Medicus*.—We think our correspondent did not see the exact import of our remarks. The College of Physicians certainly has the right of giving a *license to practise* to whomsoever it pleases; but we contend that it certainly has not the right of conferring the title of Doctor of Medicine. *Medicus* will, no doubt, readily admit that there is some difference between these two things. The title of M.D. is an *academical distinction*, conferred by some university on those who have pursued a certain course of study, and passed certain examinations, within its walls. But the possession of this title confers no right to practise as a physician; in fact, as *Medicus* expresses it, "no person whatever (be he a graduate in medicine of any university, however famous) possesses a legal right to practise as a physician in England," with the exception only of graduates of Oxford and Cambridge; all others must be licensed by the London College of Physicians before they can practise in any part of England; and even the Oxford and Cambridge doctors must procure that license if they wish to practise in London, or within seven miles thereof. Since, then, according to the customs heretofore existing, a physician was a man possessing the academical title of M.D., and a *license to practise* also, and since the College of Physicians, although they can confer the latter, certainly have no power to grant the former, we think our correspondent will admit that our original assertion was correct. We speak, of course, of the law as it exists, but without contending that it is well adapted to the present state of society. We may add, that a precisely similar distinction between the possession of a title and the right to exercise it exists in the church as in medicine. The Church of England recognises the orders of the churches of Rome, Greece, America, and Syria; but yet the clergy ordained in those churches cannot exercise their vocation here without a license from the bishop.

*Discipulus*.—We have received a long letter from some enthusiastic boy, smarting under the grievances, real and imaginary, which he endures during the term of his apprenticeship. He complains of the neglect of masters who leave their pupils to acquire their professional knowledge as they best may, without taking the trouble to direct them in their course of reading, or to explain to them the nature of the cases which they witness, and the principles on which they are treated. But, more especially, he complains of the petty indignities often inflicted on medical pupils by the mistress of the establishment. We well know how difficult it must be for a youth of spirit to endure the domestic tyranny of a woman who has neither liberality of conduct nor lady-like feeling, and how heavily responsible those persons are for the future misconduct of young men, who give them the strongest inducement to seek the pleasures of debauchery abroad, by denying them the comforts and happiness to which they are entitled at home. Yet we would counsel our youthful correspondent to submit with a good grace, to do his duty, and to revenge himself by showing a better example.

C. R.—The account is, we think, moderate, and such as any jury would allow; except, perhaps, that the charges for attendance on servants ought not quite to equal those for their superiors.

Immediate attention shall be given to the communication from *Manchester*.

Communications have been received from *Mr. Newnham*, Farnham; *Dr. Oke*, Southampton; *Dr. Starr*, Kettering; *Dr. Favell*, Sheffield, &c. We shall endeavour to make room for the greater part of them next week.

A.—The suggestion relative to the fellowship is hardly worth attending to.

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In last Number, page 461, col. 1, line 22, for "Maitre Jan," read *Maitre Jean*; line 39, for "Walthen," read *Walther*.

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Any further information may be obtained upon application to the Dean of the Medical Department, or to the Secretary, at the College.

August, 1843. J. LONSDALE, Principal.

**PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN,** Incorporated by Royal Charter, A.D. 1843.—The Council beg to announce the arrangements made for the **AUTUMN and WINTER COURSES OF LECTURES**, to be delivered at No. 17, Bloomsbury-square, during the months of October, November, December, January, February, and March, at Half-past Eight o'Clock in the Morning.

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**ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.**—The **AUTUMNAL MEDICAL SESSION** will commence on Monday, the 2nd of October, 1843.

**INTRODUCTORY LECTURE**—Mr. Grainger, at Two o'Clock.

**MEDICINE**—Dr. Marshall Hall and Dr. Barker.

" **THE EXANTHEMATA**—Dr. George Gregory.

**SURGERY**—Mr. Green and Mr. B. Travers.

**ANATOMY, GENERAL, AND PHYSIOLOGY**—Mr. Grainger.

" **DESCRIPTIVE AND SURGICAL**—Mr. F. Le Gros Clark.

**CHEMISTRY**—Dr. Leeson.

**MATERIA MEDICA**—Dr. Risdon Bennett and Dr. Wilks.

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**PATHOLOGICAL ANATOMY**—Dr. Marshall Hall and Dr. Barker.

**OPHTHALMIC SURGERY**—Mr. Mackmurdo.

**PRACTICAL CHEMISTRY**, under the direction of Dr. Leeson.

**MIDWIFERY**—Dr. Cape.

**FORENSIC MEDICINE**—Dr. Leeson and Dr. Risdon Bennett.

**BOTANY**—R. D. Hoblyn, A.M., Oxon.

**COMPARATIVE ANATOMY AND NATURAL HISTORY**—Dr. W. B. Carpenter, of Bristol.

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#### LECTURES.

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**SURGERY**—William Lawrence, F.R.S.

**DESCRIPTIVE AND SURGICAL ANATOMY**—F. C. Skey, F.R.S.

**GENERAL AND MORBID ANATOMY, AND PHYSIOLOGY**—Mr. Paget.

**SUPERINTENDENCE OF DISSECTIONS**—Mr. McWhinnie and Mr. Ormerod.

**CHEMISTRY**—Mr. Griffiths.

**MATERIA MEDICA AND THERAPEUTICS**—G. L. Roupell, M.D., F.R.S.

**MIDWIFERY, AND DISEASES OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN**—E. Rigby, M.D.

**SUMMER SESSION, 1844**, commencing May 1.

**BOTANY**—F. J. Farre, M.D., F.L.S.

**FORENSIC MEDICINE**—W. Baly, M.D.

**PRACTICAL CHEMISTRY AND NATURAL PHILOSOPHY**—Mr. Griffiths.

**COMPARATIVE ANATOMY**—Mr. McWhinnie.

**MIDWIFERY, &c.**—E. Rigby, M.D.

**CLINICAL LECTURES**—On **MEDICINE**, by Dr. Roupell and Dr. G. Burrows; on **SURGERY**, by Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Stanley.

**COLLEGIATE ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Governors of the Hospital having resolved to establish the Collegiate System in connection with the Medical School, several houses within the Hospital walls have been lately fitted up for the Residence of a certain number of Students; and, under the direction of the Treasurer and a Committee of the Governors, every arrangement has been made which appears likely to promote the interests and comfort of the Students. The superintendence of the Establishment has been entrusted to Mr. Paget, the Resident Warden.

Further particulars, in regard to every department of the School, may be obtained from any of the Medical or Surgical Officers, or Lecturers, or on application at the Anatomical Museum, or the Library.