

action, as the first promotor muscle is inserted about the middle of the radius. It is plain, then, that the upper fragment of the radius will assume, and till the bone is united will maintain, the position of supination, and that, if we wish the patient to possess again all the motions of the hand, we must keep the lower fragment in a corresponding position during the whole process of cure. The hand, therefore, is to be placed in the supine posture, and steadily kept so till the bone is united.

From what I have seen of cases treated in the usual way, with the limb "placed in a middle state betwixt pronation and supination," and of cases where the existence of fracture of the radius had not been detected, and where the case had been treated as sprain of the wrist, I am convinced that the rotatory motion of the bones is always impaired afterwards, owing to the twisted state in which the radius unites. But if the above remarks and reasonings be correct, we can readily understand how the evils may be guarded against.

Bury, Lancashire, Sept. 28, 1843.

NOTTINGHAM LUNATIC ASYLUM.

On the 28th of September, Dr. John Calthrop Williams, one of the Physicians to the Nottingham General Hospital, was elected Physician to the Nottingham Lunatic Asylum.

LIVERPOOL INFIRMARY.

After one of the most severe contests ever known at the infirmary, on Tuesday last, Dr. Duncan was elected physician in the place of Dr. Banning, resigned; the numbers being, for Dr. Duncan, 275; for Dr. Scott, 243.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

The London Physiological Journal; or Monthly Record of Observations on Animal and Vegetable Anatomy and Physiology, chiefly made by the aid of the Microscope. Edited by S. J. Goodfellow, M.D., and Edwin J. Quekett, F.L.S. No. 1, Oct. 1843. [This journal appears intended to take the place of that very meritorious publication the "Microscopical Journal," which was discontinued after the death of Mr. Daniel Cooper. We trust that it will be well supported by the lovers of the microscope.]

Familiar Letters on Chemistry, and its relation to Commerce, Physiology, and Agriculture. By Justus Liebig, M.D. Edited by John Gardner, M.D.

The Phrenological Library, Part I.—Gall on the Functions of the Brain.

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B. C.—Ricord's lectures will be resumed next week. Communications have been received from *Mr. Proctor*, *Dr. Bell Fletcher*, and *Mr. Ness*.

Mr. Storrs' paper on rare dislocations has been received. *Dr. Holmes'* paper is copied in the "American Journal of the Medical Sciences," for July, 1843, from the April No. of the "New England Quarterly Journal of Medicine and Surgery."

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