

as the following. It is one for which I do not for a moment claim novelty; but having seen so much good from it, I cannot forbear, on grounds of humanity and benevolence, from communicating it to others. It is as follows:—

R. Ferri potassio-tartratis ʒij.  
Vini opii ℥lxxx.  
Aque cinnamomi ʒviii.

M. Fl. Mist.

Give two tablespoonfuls three times a day, or three tablespoonfuls at once, if the pain be very severe.

I do not pretend to say *why* this particular combination should be *apparently* so much better than others, but certainly I have not known it yet to fail.

J. WILSON BEAUMONT, M.R.C.S.,

*Late Resident Surgeon of the Wakefield Gen. Dispensary.*

Mirfield, Yorkshire, February 5, 1853.

#### PETITION AGAINST THE INCOME TAX FROM THE PRACTITIONERS OF SHREWSBURY.

LETTER FROM DR. BURD TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—A petition, similar to the one agreed upon by the medical men at Torquay, has been signed by all the medical practitioners in Shrewsbury; and Mr. E. H. Baldock (one of our borough members) has kindly consented to present the petition, and urge its prayer by every means in his power. I hope that the members of the profession in other towns will also follow the good example of their Torquay brethren, and raise an unanimous voice against such a continued injustice.

EDWARD BURD, M.B. & L.M.Cantab.

Shrewsbury, Feb. 7th, 1853.

#### THE NECESSITY OF PETITIONING AGAINST THE INCOME-TAX.

SIR,—Parliament has already assembled; but what has the profession done to relieve themselves from the unjust oppression of the Income Tax? A great effort, on the part of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association, could not fail to produce a powerful impression. This might either be accomplished by the assembling of a Special General Meeting at some central or convenient place, such as Birmingham or London; or by the branches holding special meetings, and petitioning separately. The Income-Tax Committee of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association cannot be expected to accomplish any beneficial result, unless they receive, in some such way as I have suggested, the countenance of their colleagues.

I am,

A VICTIM OF THE INCOME-TAX.

February 8th, 1853. ♀

### NEWS AND TOPICS OF THE DAY.

THE LETTSOMIAN LECTURES of the Medical Society of London will be delivered this year by Professor Murphy, commencing on the 9th of March. The subject which he has selected is "Parturition as illustrating the importance of a competent education in the practice of midwifery".

GLASGOW MEDICAL JOURNAL. The prospectus has appeared. The work is to be published quarterly; and No. I. is advertised to come out on the 1st of April. We understand that we were correct in naming Dr. Weir as the editor. It is evident from the prospectus, that this new medical periodical is started, not as a commercial speculation, but for the praiseworthy purpose of fostering local talent and industry.

MEDICAL BENEVOLENT COLLEGE. We recently announced, that the Bishop of Oxford had kindly consented to preach in Vere Street Chapel, in aid of the funds of the College. We have now the satisfaction to state, that the Bishop of London has promised to preach, in Trinity Church, St. Marylebone, in furtherance of the same object.

BATH UNITED HOSPITAL. At the annual meeting of this institution, P. B. Duncan, Esq., in the chair, it was stated, that during the year, the in and out patients numbered 13,976. The receipts amounted to £5,739 14s., and the expenditure to £3,536 5s.

INCREASE OF LUNACY IN MARYLEBONE. In the first half of 1851, there were 316 in the asylums and workhouses of the parish; in the first half of 1852, that number had increased to 494, being an addition of 180 lunatics to those already chargeable on the funds.

DR. DALTON. A proposal is on foot to erect a statue in memory of the late Dr. Dalton, the author of the atomic theory, in the Ardwick cemetery, where his remains were interred, and to found two scholarships in Owen's College, Manchester, one chemistry in and the other in Mathematics, the learned doctor having been eminent for his success in applying mathematics in the elucidation of chemistry. The Mayor and the Bishop of Manchester are earnest in supporting the proposed subscription.

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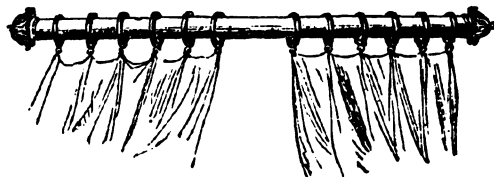
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