

NEWS AND NOTICES OF THE DAY.

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serve the purposes of the London clique is plain to every one; and I would suggest that a requisition be drawn up and signed by the members, and presented to Sir Charles Hastings, requesting him to resign forthwith, and appear at the head of a new association, with an appropriate title, having for its immediate practical object the protection of every member of the association from every kind of injustice and persecution. A subscription of 10s. a year will accomplish that great object, and provide for the annual publication of a splendid volume of *Transactions*. At all events, not another guinea will I ever pay to the Provincial Association, as it is now constituted.—I am, sir, your obedient servant, A. Z."

THE LANCET, in 1842, spoke thus of the Association: "It is really little else than a disgrace to the professional body of this country. Annual meetings, feasting, toasting, guzzling, complimenting, and puffing, form the chief features of that stupidly managed society. There are some individuals who have taken an active part in it, who deserve the lash, and it must and shall be applied, if the conduct of which we complain be not speedily and entirely changed."

"MEDICAL CHIT-CHAT. The long-agitated question, as to whether the two opprobrious medical journals (the *Lancet* and *Medical Circular*) shall continue to grace the reading room of the Medical and Chirurgical Society, is at length settled in the affirmative. We cannot think, however, that this decision has placed the journals in question in a better position than before; for the arguments for their admission were not founded upon their merits or demerits, but simply upon the principle of exclusion. No member maintained that the *Lancet* was a high-principled, or the *Circular* a highly respectable, journal. That they are no credit to the profession was not denied; but so liable is periodical literature to become debased, that a very inconvenient precedent, and one probably productive of future unpleasant discussions, would have been established by their exclusion. They are, therefore, to be admitted, faults and all. We are glad to observe that one respectable journal (the *Medical Times and Gazette*) has ceased to manifest that spirit of jealous hostility to the ASSOCIATION JOURNAL which still disgraces the other London weeklies, who, by carrying on this warfare, are evidently endangering their own existence rather than that of the object of their attack. The Provincial Association has always had a journal of its own; and if it chooses to publish that journal once or even twice a week instead of once a fortnight, surely it has a perfect right to do so; and virulent abuse of an editor, appointed by the suffrages of upwards of 2,000 medical practitioners, cannot but be offensive to the whole body. The *Medical Times and Gazette* has taken a wise course."—*The Critic*, Dec. 15, 1854.

. The above extracts have been sent to us by a member, with a very special request that they be inserted.

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