

interfere. Dr. Arthur, in one of his letters, gives some hints on the subject of clerical "visitations" from house to house that may be quoted with advantage for the instruction of those parish priests who lack discretion rather than zeal. He writes as follows:—"On Mr. Courtenay (the curate) retiring (from a house) both mother and daughter assured me they never invited him to attend. Now, there is no greater fallacy than to imagine that the sick poor like these visitors; on the contrary, they dread them; when the visitor makes his appearance in the sick room the patient thinks it ominous, and so begins to suspect that he is booked for a speedy passage to the other world. In fact, he looks upon the visitor as the harbinger of death, an idea which his appearance and sepulchral notes in every way tend to establish. The hospital physician allows no intrusion on his cases without his consent. The private physician forbids the visits even of the nearest relatives when life is endangered by noise or excitement. The district physician owes precisely the same regard and attention to the poor; and they may rest assured that, as long as I continue their physician, I shall submit to no intrusion or ungenerous treatment towards them." (*Times*.)

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It is said, also, that Dr. Michell, whom the profession will remember for his abuse of Jenner and his discovery, is a candidate for the representation of Bodmin; and that Dr. J. W. Noble, of Leicester, has resigned his office of mayor of that town, in order to obtain the honour of representing it in parliament.

THE HUNTER STATUE. A meeting has been held in Liverpool, at which it was resolved that subscription lists should be at once opened. In Jersey, Dr. Fixott, a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, is acting as honorary secretary. A list of subscriptions will shortly be published.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY. Sir Benjamin Brodie, as President of the Royal Society, received a very large party of eminent scientific and literary persons on Saturday evening, in Burlington House.

HARVEIAN SOCIETY. At the meeting of the Harveian Society, on Thursday evening, April 21st, a paper will be read by Dr. W. Camps, "On certain perverted cerebral or psychical acts antecedent to mania."

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AN OLD MEMBER. A full report of the prosecution of the editorial staff of *L'Union Médicale* by the Parisian homoeopaths has been published in French. The title is *La Médecine traditionnelle et l'Homéopathie; procès intenté au Journal L'Union Médicale, par douze Homéopathes: précédés des Mémoires et des Notes diverses publiées par les Parties au Cours des Débats, et recueillis par J. SABBATIER*. It is published at the office of *L'Union Médicale*, 56, Faubourg Montmartre, Paris, in the form of an octavo volume of nearly 300 pages, at a price of 3 fr. 50 cent., exclusive of postage. Our correspondent could obtain it through one of the foreign booksellers in London.

MR. JONATHAN HARRISON. The work to which you refer is Mr. G. M. Humphry's *Treatise on the Human Skeleton*. The price is £1 8s. An advertisement of the book appears in this day's JOURNAL.

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