

DISSECTING A QUACK. "To puzzle a Philadelphia lawyer," is a common saying with Transatlantic brethren; but the following is related of the manner in which one of those gentlemen puzzled a quack, who was bringing a suit for medical services. *Counsel*—Did you treat the patient according to the most approved rules of surgery? *Witness*—Certainly, by all means, I did. *Counsel*—Did you decapitate him? *Witness*—Undoubtedly, I did that as a matter of course. *Counsel*—Did you perform the Cæsarean operation upon him? *Witness*—Why, of course; his condition required it; and it was attended with great success. *Counsel*—Did you, now, doctor, subject his person to autopsy? *Witness*—Certainly; that was the best remedy I adopted. *Counsel*—Well, then, doctor, as you first cut off the defendant's head, then ripped up his body, and afterwards dissected him, and he still survives it, I have no more to ask. (*Edinburgh Medical Journal.*)

THE LONDON MEDICAL REGISTRATION ASSOCIATION. A preliminary meeting has taken place, attended by Drs. Hart Vinen (Chairman); Robt. Norton, Handfield Jones, F.R.S.; Burke Ryan (Treasurer and Hon. Sec.); Chowne, Tulloch; and Messrs. Wall, Royston, Clark, and Reece, for the purpose of calling a general meeting of the medical practitioners of Paddington, Bayswater, Notting Hill, and North Kensington, at the Queen's Hotel, Queen's Road, Bayswater, on Wednesday, the 15th instant, at eight o'clock, P.M. The object is to assist the central Association in the repression of illegal practice; and it is hoped that the meeting will be numerously attended.

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BOOKS RECEIVED.

[* An Asterisk is prefixed to the names of Members of the Association.]

1. Epiphora, or Watery Eye: Its successful Treatment by the New Method of Dilatation. With Illustrative Cases. By *James Vose Solomon. London: Churchill. Birmingham: Cornish. 1859.
2. On Cancer. By Maurice H. Collis, M.B. (In the *Dublin Quarterly Journal of Medical Science*). Dublin: 1859.
3. Sanitary Progress in Croydon. By *Alfred Carpenter, M.B. Croydon: 1859.
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It is particularly requested that all members who propose to read papers will communicate with the General Secretary without delay.

Worcester, April 26th, 1859.

PHILIP H. WILLIAMS, M.D., *General Secretary.*