

embarrassment. But your readers, and "An Elector" in particular, may depend on Admiral Stewart doing all in his power to promote the welfare of the assistant-surgeons in the royal navy, and, as a member of the Board of Admiralty, seeing that the order of July, 1850, be carried out in strict integrity.

I am, Sir, your most obedient servant,
Royal Hill, Greenwich, Jan., 1852. T. M. STONE.

CLAIMS OF ARMY AND NAVY SURGEONS.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—I have perceived, with no little regret, that the admirable letter addressed by a "Surgeon of the Bengal Army," (in THE LANCET for December 27,) to "British Military and Naval Surgeons throughout the world," has been allowed to pass unnoticed.

Can it be possible that they do not appreciate the honour conferred upon them? or do they consider the recipients so few and far between, that the zealous and philanthropic promoters of it are not deserving of some substantial proof of professional regard for their untiring exertions in our behalf.

True it is that in the army-list only one medical officer on full pay has had the honour of C.B. conferred on him, when at least a dozen might be found with equal claims out of a list of nearly 400. But, setting this aside, we should not repay the noble exertions of Sir Howard Douglas, and Sir de Lacy Evans, with coldness and ingratitude.

Let a list be once opened, and I am sure the youngest surgeon in the army will not refuse to affix his name to it, and I will begin by putting mine down for £1.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,
A JUNIOR ASSISTANT-SURGEON, AND SUBSCRIBER.
Dt. blin, Jan., 1852.

* * We are happy to state that the Council of the College of Surgeons have invited Sir Howard Douglas and Sir De Lacy Evans to the annual dinner of the Council, which is shortly to take place. This is a very graceful act on the part of the Council, and a very appropriate acknowledgment, by the highest surgical body in the world, of the important services rendered by those gallant officers to the army and navy surgeons of the British empire.—Ed. L.

THE HYDROPATHS' VICTIM.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—Will you be good enough to give insertion to the accompanying letter, which has been handed to me for publication by the brother of a gentleman whose life has been sacrificed at the shrine of Hydropathy.

It really is quite refreshing (at a time when quackery is so rampant) to find that the public are becoming sensible of the peril they encounter in departing from the care of orthodox practitioners.

I am, Sir, yours truly,
RICHARD CHAMBERS, M.D.
Harley-street, Cavendish-square, Jan. 1852.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—In the Obituary of the Times appeared, a few days back, a notice of the decease of a gentleman who was nearly related to me, and with whom I resided many years. Two years since, this gentleman was in fair health, in possession of an unimpaired constitution, little less than robust, and had for many years previously enjoyed uninterrupted good health, without requiring medicine or seeking medical advice. About that time (1849-50) he was on business in the West of England; and seeking some temporary remission from the cares of business, he was induced to visit a well-known cold-water establishment, and unfortunately submitted to this treatment. The result was an eruption on the skin in the shape of boils, which continued to increase in number and virulence, and though throughout, these inflictions were pronounced by different professors of hydropathy to be unimportant, or rather beneficial, they terminated in mortification and death. As this is but one of several instances of a like kind which have become known to me—and we the unprofessional hear of the many cures said to be effected by this treatment, and nothing publicly of those who become victims to the indiscriminate use, in a humid climate, of that which under some circumstances may be a curative agent, but which empiricism in this age of

quackery professes to be universally applicable, both to heal and to preserve health,—I trust you will not consider the occupation of your space by this notice as a monition unworthy public attention.

I am, Sir, yours obediently,
Leamington Prior, Jan. 1852. S. I.

MEETINGS OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETIES IN LONDON DURING THE ENSUING WEEK.

NOTE.—When the day of the month is not specified, no meetings take place.

Societies.	—	Days of Meeting.
Epidemiological, 53, Berners-street	Mon. 8½ P.M.	Jan. 27
Chemical, 5, Cavendish-square.....	Mon. 8 P.M.	
Medico-Botanical, 32, Sackville-st.	Tuesday.	Jan. 27
Medico-Chirurgical, 53, Berners-st.	Tues. 8½ P.M.	
Pathological, 33, George-street, } Hanover-square.....	Tues. 8 P.M.	Jan. 27
Hunterian, 4, Bloomfield-street, } Finsbury.....	Wed. 8 P.M.	
Pharmaceutical, 17, Bloomsbury-sq.	Wed. 9 P.M.	Jan. 27
Harveian, 64, Edgware-road	Thurs. 8 P.M.	
Western Medical and Surgical, } 44, Sloane-street	Fri. 8 P.M.	Jan. 27
Medical Society of London, 32A, } George-street Hanover-square }	Sat. 8 P.M.	
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Medical News.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.—The Council have just announced the subject of the Jacksonian prize for the present year to be, "On the Pathology and Treatment of Stricture of the Urethra." The prize is twenty guineas and a certificate, to be competed for by members only, and whose essays must be sent in by Christmas day. The annual oration in memory of the immortal genius of John Hunter will be delivered on the anniversary of his birth, February 14, by Mr. Luke, of the London Hospital. The Council have just published the subjects of the examination of candidates for the Fellowship of this College, in Classics, Mathematics, and French, during the years 1852-3—viz., in

Classics.—Either of the following Greek authors, and either of the following Latin authors, at the option of the candidate, viz.: Herodotus, Book III.; Homer, Iliad, Book VI.; Virgil, Æneid, Book VIII.; Livy, Book V.

Mathematics.—Arithmetic; Algebra, as far as to include the doctrine of proportions and simple equations with one or two unknown quantities; Euclid, Books I., II., and III.; Statics, Hydrostatics, Acoustics, and Optics, it being understood that the questions on these subjects shall not require in their answers the use of a higher branch of mathematics than simple equations.

French.—The translation into English of a passage in one of the French classical writers.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—Names of gentlemen who passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on

Thursday, Jan. 15th, 1852.

HOWARD, HORACE FULCHER, New Barkenham, Norfolk.
PARTRIDGE, SAMUEL, Darlaston, Staffordshire.

THE NEW MEDICAL REFORM BILL.—At the request of the Council of the Provincial and Surgical Association, we publish the following resolutions:—

"At a meeting of the Council of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association, held on the 17th day of June, 1851, a draught of a proposed Bill, entitled 'A Bill to produce Uniformity of Medical Education and Qualification, and for the Registration of those Licensed to Practise in Medicine,' was submitted for approval by a committee composed of members of the Association, who have long given the subject their careful consideration. It was resolved, that the Bill, so prepared, seems to carry out the principles of Medical Reform so long advocated by the Association, and that it is, therefore highly desirable that the same should be forwarded by the Secretary to the Branch Associations; and that they should be requested to report to him their opinions on the various clauses composing the Bill, with as little delay as possible."