

a marble bust of the late Professor Cooper be executed; and that, should the funds permit, reduced copies of the bust, in Parian, be presented to each subscriber of one guinea and upwards. The place of deposit of the original bust to be deferred until it is executed." (The latter clause, it afterwards transpired, was only introduced as a compromise at the last meeting of the committee, at which certain parties made their appearance, for the first time, to oppose the placing of the bust in the Royal College of Surgeons, which locality had been previously determined upon by the committee as the most honourable.) Dr. Sieveking then proposed that the following gentlemen be nominated as a committee to carry the objects into effect—viz.: Mr. Cadge, Dr. Camps, Mr. Chippendale, Dr. Croft, Dr. John Hall Davis, Mr. Erichsen, Mr. Durancé George, Mr. Howell Morgan, Dr. Richard Quain, Dr. Storrar, Dr. C. J. B. Williams, Colonel Wood; the treasurer, Mr. Hillman; and the secretaries, Dr. Wood and Mr. Wailes, *ex officio*. Seconded by Dr. Powell, and carried. Dr. C. J. B. Williams, who just then arrived, proposed "That it be an instruction to the committee to bear in view the placing of the bust in the Royal College of Surgeons." This being violently opposed by Dr. Storrar, was withdrawn, and Dr. Croft proposed, and Dr. Richard Quain seconded, "That on the completion of the bust, a general meeting of the subscribers be convened, to determine where the monument be placed:" carried. Dr. Richard Quain moved, and Mr. Caver seconded, "That the treasurer and secretaries be requested to continue their offices:" carried. The chairman having left the chair, this was taken by Dr. C. J. B. Williams, on the request of those present, when it was moved by Dr. Camps, and seconded by Mr. Howell Morgan, "That the best thanks of the meeting be presented to Colonel Wood for his courteous, able, and impartial conduct in the chair:" carried. Colonel Wood having returned thanks, the meeting separated. At a meeting of the committee, it was determined that the execution of the bust be entrusted to Mr. Butler, sculptor, of Middlesex-place, New-road, and the treasurer and secretaries, together with Mr. Chippendale and Dr. Richard Quain, were requested to make the necessary arrangements.

ACADEMY OF MEDICINE OF PARIS.—The Academy proceeded, on the 17th instant, to the election of office-bearers for the ensuing year. Mr. Bricheateau was elected president, and Mr. Orfila vice-president, and Mr. Gibert re-appointed annual secretary. Our readers are aware that Mr. Dubois (d'Amiens) is perpetual secretary.

In the catalogue of contributions now awaiting publication, and in addition to the long list of papers promised for publication in THE LANCET for 1850, the following titles should have been inserted:—

AN ACCOUNT OF A
DELIVERY OF A MONSTROSITY AFTER A
PAINFUL LABOUR.

WITH AN ENGRAVING AND EXAMINATION OF THE FŒTUS.

By THOMAS LITCHFIELD, Esq., M.R.C.S., Twickenham.

ON THE DISCOVERY OF REFLEX ACTION AS
APPLIED TO OBSTETRICS.

By JOHN POWER, M.D. St. Andrew's, London.

ON THE CONNEXION OF METEOROLOGICAL
PHENOMENA WITH CHOLERA, INFLUENZA,
AND OTHER EPIDEMIC DISEASES.

By JOHN CHARLES ATKINSON, Esq., M.R.C.S., &c.,
Westminster.

ON A CASE OF HERNIA SCLEROTICÆ.

By NATHANIEL COOTE, Esq., M.R.C.S.,
Surgeon to the Sirhowy Iron works, Tredegar, Monmouthshire.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It would be premature to publish the statements of our correspondent who adopts the signature of *Anti-Quackery*, relative to the proceedings at the Rothbury Union Workhouse. If Mr. Farrage is a legally qualified practitioner in medicine and surgery, Mr. Todd ought not to have inspected the patients without having met him in consultation. If he be an unqualified practitioner, Mr. Todd acted with strict propriety in not giving Mr.

Farrage notice that he was about to make the inspection of the patients at the request of the Board of Guardians. Full inquiry as to the cause of the irregularity of which Mr. Fettinger complains, shall be immediately instituted, and we can assure him we regret exceedingly that he should be exposed to such an annoyance.

We are still of opinion that little would be gained by the publication of the reply of *Mr. Broke Gallwey* to the remarks of Dr. Tripe and Mr. Langley; still we admit that the answer is able and to the purpose. Mr. B. Gallwey has fully treated the subject in his elaborate essays, and he ought not to feel that he is called upon to turn aside from his purpose on the occurrence of every inducement. We feel confident that, on re-considering the subject, Mr. B. Gallwey will be satisfied of the propriety of our former decision. With the enormous mass of original communications now before us awaiting publication, we cannot, in justice to a vast number of practical and scientific contributors, open our columns for the discussion of simply speculative questions.

THE inquiry which *Mr. W. F. Stevenson* has requested to be instituted shall be made without delay.

THE valuable paper which has been forwarded to us by *Mr. France*, surgeon to the Eye Infirmary, and lecturer on ophthalmic surgery at Guy's Hospital, shall be inserted at an early period.

Senex.—It gives you a right to practise throughout Scotland.

It is with feelings of the utmost satisfaction we are enabled to announce that on Thursday, the 20th instant, the physiological and other committees of the Royal Society were totally abolished by the council. This event is pregnant with highly important consequences to science.

A. B.—The question is a new one at law, and there is no statute which provides for such a case. We feel at this moment quite in doubt as to what would be the result if an action in the county court were to be instituted.

THE clinical lecture from *Dr. Nelson* (Queen's Hospital, Birmingham,) was received on Thursday, Dec. 27th, and not before.

THE clinical lecture by *Mr. Solly, F.R.S.*, on "Epilepsy following Injury to the Cranium," shall be inserted next week.

WHY do our correspondents decline to attach their names to letters on such a subject as medical reform?

We have already stated that *Mr. Peploe Cartwright* did not, unfortunately, form one of the deputation.

Chiron, and several others who have written to us on the same subject, will find that the proceedings at the interview at the College of Surgeons, between the deputation from the Conference and the President and Vice-Presidents of the College, will receive their full share of attention in the next LANCET. Mr. Bottomley was one of the earliest of medical reformers; he was one of the first members of the council of the British Medical Association; he has acted throughout as chairman of the Associated Surgeons, and he is closely identified, in feeling and interests, with the great body of surgeons of this country. Mr. Bottomley resides and practises extensively as an operating surgeon at Croydon, Surrey. Without meaning in the slightest degree to detract from the respectability or integrity of the other members of the deputation, we consider it to be a fortunate circumstance for the profession that Mr. Bottomley happened to be present at the Conference on the 20th of November, and that he was also present at the interview at the College of Surgeons.

IF I. H. S. will send his address he shall receive a private note.

THE reports of cases forwarded by *Mr. Lyell* and *Dr. Ryan* shall be inserted. We shall not lose sight of the remarks sent to us by *The Writer of a Few Words on the Fellowship*.

Mr. Stevenson is informed that the advertisement was accidentally omitted last week.

Mr. Foote has requested us to say that he has read a letter from the Secretary to the Economic Life Assurance Office, with enclosures, one of which shows that his patient, Mr. —, did not represent Mr. Foote to the company as his medical attendant, as he, Mr. —, assured Mr. Foote he had done. Under these circumstances, Mr. Foote withdraws the *gravamen* of his charge against the company, while at the same time he feels himself called upon, in justice to himself, to state, that had the secretary to the Company thought fit to answer his (Mr. Foote's) last communication to him, such a mistake could not have occurred. Mr. Foote, in that letter, distinctly stated that he had been informed, by his patient, that his name had been given in as his medical attendant, and that statement remaining uncontradicted, he had a right to believe it to be true. It appears that the patient is principally in fault by misleading Mr. Foote, but the main fact remains the same. The company would not pay for the information they sought to obtain at Mr. Foote's hands.

IN THE LANCET of the 15th inst, in the paper of Mr. Langley, page 633, last line but one from the bottom of col. 1, for "rabies," read "fabies."

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from—A Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh; Mr. Waddington, (Margate—two communications); Mr. John Langley; Mr. J. R. Edmonds; Mr. William Spensor, (Birmingham); Dr. Herbert Davics; Mr. J. H. Tucker; Dr. Charles Romaine; Mr. Bellas Moses; Dr. D. Carmichael, (Buckie, North Britain); Dr. Hassall; Dr. Tilt; Mr. J. Startin; *Anti-Quackery*; Mr. Henry Owen Griffen; Mr. B. Gallwey; Mr. W. S. Stevenson; Mr. Pettinger; Mr. W. S. Langworthy, (Modbury, Devon); Mr. France; The writer of a Few Words on the Fellowship; Mr. G. E. Bearfrank, (Leeds); Mr. John Lyell, (Newburgh); A. B.; Mr. White, (Nottingham); *Senex*; *Edinensis in Anglia*; X.; Dr. Ryan.