thing like justice or reform from the SCHOOL-PARTY in the IRISH COLLEGE.

Now, Sir, was there ever greater presumption than is involved in Mr. CUSACK's amendment? It is not expedient to increase the membership, because we are on the eve of changes! There is legislation for you! Who but the *burker* of opinion—who but the interested ally and advocate of jobbery, would not see in that very reason on which his amendment is apparently based, an irrefragable argument for an absolutely contrary conclusion, viz., to render the membership as extensive as it possibly may? Who or what is Mr. CUSACK and his party, that they thus presume to set themselves forward as fit and proper persons, as plenipotentiaries, to make terms binding on the whole profession? But the creatures may be allowed their child's play; they may continue to pull the puppet-strings, but the days of such influence are gone; they cannot, and they shall not, mar reform by a state-corporation manoeuvre.

But, Sir, what shall I say of the school professors—the councillors of the association? How does the conduct here of Messrs. JACOB, MAUNSELL, WILLIAMS, and Co., accord with their doings in COUNCIL? How with their effusions in the “PRESS,” their advocacy of reform, justice, equal privilege, their cries of union. What is their object in this cry? Can it be the accompanying 10s.!! “Look on this picture and on *that*.” Which is their true “presentment?” The very ink thickens and stagnates in my pen in disgust at dwelling on such Greek perfidy, such Carthaginian double tongueism.

But, Sir, though the critical aspect of affairs makes it no longer expedient to do anything that might possibly promote a *public* interest, or establish a principle of equity or justice, such light did not break in on these COUNCILLORS until the job of *private* interest had been carried—until the interests of the school had been carefully looked after, in the enactments of those underselling reforms about the licence, and the conditions of its attainment, which have recently been eloquently, and, alas! truly animadverted on in your pages, and which bid fair soon to render the DUBLIN PARCHMENT as honourable a testimony of attainments in surgical science as was even that of ABERDEEN. I am, Sir, your obliged and humble servant,

AN INDIGNANT LICENTIATE

Of the Royal College of Surgeons, appended to, and obfuscated by, the Private School of Messrs. Jacob, Maunsell, Williams, Porter, and Co., all Members of the Council of the Irish Medical Association for the Promotion of *Reform*, &c. &c. &c. &c.

Dublin, Jan. 9, 1841.

MR. CLAY'S CASES.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR:—In your last Number there is a mistake, which I wish you to correct, as it might lead to misrepresentation on the part of persons in my own neighbourhood. The cases which I forwarded to you were *dispensary cases*; but the dispensary is situate a few miles from Manchester, in *Ashton-under-Lyne and Dukinfield*. My own residence is in Manchester, which has led you to place them under the head of “Manchester Dispensary.” The last case, club-foot, occurred in my private practice in Manchester. You would oblige me by correcting this. I remain, Sir, yours respectfully,

CHARLES CLAY.

101, Piccadilly, Manchester,
Jan. 12, 1841.

SHILLING VACCINATION.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR:—An attack having been made upon me, in your Number of the 5th instant, allow me a corner in your Journal to state, that the whole (with one solitary exception) is a tissue of falsehoods.

As one of the medical officers of the Stockport union, I never consented to accept less than the sum proposed by the board of guardians (viz., 6d. for each successful case), and which had been acceded to by three out of the five officers of the union.

Before the “Vaccination Extension Act” was put in force in this union, the guardians reconsidered their resolution respecting the remuneration; rescinded it, and agreed to allow 1s. per case.

I trust your correspondent, in again addressing you, will make himself acquainted with *facts*, and at the same time favour your readers with his real name and address. I am, Sir, yours respectfully,

ISAAC CLUBB.

Bradbury, Dec. 30, 1840.

ASSURANCE COMPANIES.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR:—In the list published in your Journal of last week of those insurance companies which have manifested a due appreciation of the services of medical men, I find the “London, Edinburgh, and Dublin,” is omitted. Having the pleasure of being connected with this company as medical referee for the locality in which I reside, I deem it right that the enlightened views and liberal conduct of its directors should be

placed before the profession. For this purpose, I beg to subjoin an extract from the instructions given to its agents:—

“We would recommend you to make known to the medical gentlemen in your district, that you are instructed to pay from the funds of the company, a fee of £1 1s. for every medical report, whether the proposed be ultimately accepted or rejected, because there is no other company who remunerate medical men so liberally; and we expect in return, conscientious reports, and the willing and valuable assistance of medical gentlemen, in furthering the views of the company and their agents; it being a source of general complaint amongst the profession, that their valuable time is much occupied without any corresponding remuneration.” I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

GEORGE P. MAY, M.D.

Maldon, Jan. 5, 1841.

Messrs. JACOB and MAUNSELL, after stating that THE LANCET had attempted “to put down the Medical Association of Ireland,” thus coolly assuming that *they* are the Association, add, “Mr. WAKLEY need not, however, fear us; his altered tone shows that *we* have drawn his teeth, which was all *we* wished to do.” The doctors would certainly be the death of us, if laughter could kill anybody, or if impudence could be anything but ridiculous. The professors give the Irish public the following hint weekly, which appears to attract very little attention:—“*A bank note or a half-sovereign CAN BE forwarded, in a prepaid letter (to Professor JACOB or Professor MAUNSELL), for one penny.*” Will the medical profession let the triumphant gentlemen starve, after their rencounter with that “dragon,” THE LANCET, when *half-a-sovereign would save them—can be forwarded to them, any day in the week, for one penny?*

BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Anatomy of the Nerves of the Uterus. By Robert Lee, M.D., F.R.S., Physician to the British Lying-in-Hospital, and Lecturer on Midwifery at St. George's Hospital, with Two Plates. London: Baillière, 1841. Fol. pp. 8.

The Retrospect of Practical Medicine and Surgery, being a Half-yearly Journal, containing a Retrospective View of every Discovery and Practical Improvement in the Medical Sciences. Edited by W. Braithwaite, Surgeon. Vol. 1. No. 2. July—December, 1840. London: Simpkin, Marshall, and Co. 12mo. pp. 416.

Memoranda regarding the Royal Lunatic Asylum, Infirmary, and Dispensary of Montrose; with Observations on some other Institutions of a like Nature, and an Appendix of Documents, partly relating to Restraint in the Treatment of Insanity. By Richard Poole, M.D., F.R.S.E., Superintendent of the Montrose Asylum. Montrose: J. and D. Nichol. London: Longman and Co., 1841. 8vo. pp. 278.

On Diseases of the Hip-joint, with Observations on Affections of the Joints in the Puerperal State; with Plates. By William Coulson, Surgeon, &c. Second Edition, with Alterations and Additions. London: Longman and Co. 8vo. pp. 211.

Magdalenism; an Inquiry into the Extent, Causes, and Consequences of Prostitution in Edinburgh. By William Tait, Surgeon, &c. Edinburgh: P. Rickard. London: Highley, 1840. 8vo. pp. 268.

A Translation of the New Pharmacopœia of the Royal College of Physicians of London, with Notes and Criticisms. By G. F. Collier, M.D., &c. Second Edition, Revised and Enlarged. London: Longman and Co., 1840. 8vo. pp. 180.

Nuces Philosophicæ; or the Philosophy of Things, as developed from the Study and Philosophy of Words. By Edward Johnson, Esq. London: Simpkin and Co. No. 1. 8vo. 1841.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Dr. Alquen; Dr. May; Mr. Fearn; Mr. Hocken; Mr. Stilwell; Mr. Hill; M.R.C.S., of St. Matthew's, Bethnal-green; Mr. Staff; Mr. Smethurst; Chirurgicus; Mr. Dennett; Mr. Chadwick.

We are unable to find space for the communication of *Philalethes* this week.

A Subscriber. To question No. 1, the answer is “Yes.” To question No. 2, it may be stated that the examination is a fair one, and by no means difficult.

The letter of Mr. T. Taylor arrived too late for insertion in the present Number of our Journal. It shall certainly appear next week.

The paper of Mr. Solomon was designed to be inserted. Thanks for the Bolton paper.