the next Number of The Lancet. I am, Sir, yours respectfully,

G. W. HARDY.

Warrington, July 25, 1840.

"*" The wish of Mr. Hardy is willingly granted. One of the two chief points in his reply is contained in the question with which the third paragraph is closed. Questions, Mr. Hardy, will permit us to say, form dangerous portions of argumentative remarks; dangerous to the querist; for they are only substitutes for, and indicate a difficulty to supply, facts. The second chief point we have made more conspicuous by italics, that the single "circumstance" which Mr. Hardy has found to oppose to the legislative veto against inoculation for small-pox, may be readily seized in estimating the weight of his answers to this simple inquiry,—What circumstances will any longer justify permission being given to twenty thousand medical practitioners to decide, according to their judgment or their temptations, whether they shall or not keep up the practice of inoculating with the virus of small-pox? We should with ease and cheerfulness dispose of his fallacy, were it not quite safe to leave the task to each reader who may reflect upon it. The council and members of the Newton Branch of the Provincial Association, will, on perusing our report of the Southampton meeting, find an opposite opinion to their own on this subject, unanimously expressed at the anniversary assembly of the parent society. The argument of Mr. Hardy was powerful before the discovery of Jenner. The remaining prejudices against vaccination will not last; but inoculation nursed those prejudices.

— ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.—PRIZES.

a motto or device; and accompanied by a sealed paper, containing the name and address of the author, and having, on the outside, a motto or device corresponding with that on the dissertation.

The dissertations to be addressed to the secretary, and delivered at the College before Christmas-day, 1841.

The manuscript prize-dissertation, and every accompanying drawing and preparation, will become the property of the College.

Those dissertations which shall not be approved, with their accompanying drawings and preparations, and correspondent sealed papers, will be returned upon authenticated application within the period of three years; and those manuscripts which shall remain three years unclaimed, and every accompanying drawing and preparation, will become the property of the College; at which period their accompanying papers, containing the names of the respective authors, will be burned, unopened.

There are two prize-subjects for the present year, 1840, viz.:-—Nævi and other Erectile Tumours,—their Structure and Treatment; and Haemorrhage, spontaneous and accidental,—the Nature and Treatment.

The dissertations upon which must be delivered at the College before Christmas-day next.

— COLLEGIAl TRIENNIAL PRIZE OF FIFTY GUINEAS.

The subject for this prize is—The Structure and Functions of the Lungs.

Candidates to be members of the College, not of the Council. The dissertations to be in English, and to be distinguished by a motto or device, accompanied by a sealed paper, containing the name and residence of the author, and having, on the outside, a motto or device corresponding with that on the dissertation.

The dissertations to be addressed to the secretary, and delivered at the College before Christmas-day, 1842.

The manuscript prize-essay, with every accompanying drawing and preparation, will become the property of the College; the other dissertations, and their corresponding sealed papers, will be returned upon authenticated application within the period of three years; after which period the papers containing the names of the respective authors will be burned, unopened, and the manuscripts will become the property of the college.

EDMUND BELFOUR, Secretary.

July 15, 1840.