I am now constantly engaged on the work, and shall have the *seventh part* out in a very few weeks. A large portion of the remaining parts is already written, so that I anticipate an early completion of the work; a consummation as earnestly desired by me, as by yourselves. Yours very truly,

JAMES COPLAND.

5, Old Burlington-street, Jan. 18, 1841.

To Messrs. Longman and Co.

IODINE AS A

TRICHOGENOUS APPLICATION.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR:—In THE LANCET of the 19th instant, are observations by Mr. Erasmus Wilson, in his Lectures on Skin Diseases, upon the various denominations of Alopecia, with his mode of treating the defect, in opposition to all ointments as a trichogenous remedy; but there is an ointment which to my own knowledge and experience stimulates the capillary circulation, and gives tone and nourishment in a surprising manner to all the parts concerned.

I used it myself eight years since for another purpose, and accidentally discovered it to invigorate, and prevent a falling head of hair; and it has been highly lauded by friends who have realised the same advantage from its use, under my recommendation. The formula is,

Iodine, 5ss.

Lard, ʒiiss.

About a twelfth part to be rubbed every other day on the scalp until absorbed; but the strength, quantity, and frequency will, of course, be regulated by circumstances. The favour of the insertion of the above will oblige, your obedient servant,

JAMES SMETHURST.

Kennington-cross, Dec. 23, 1840.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Observations on the Religious Delusions of Insane Persons, and on the Practicability, Safety, and Expediency of Imparting to them Christian Instruction; with which are combined a Copious Description and Illustration of all the Principal Varieties of Mental Disease, and of its Appropriate Medical and Moral Treatment. By Nathaniel Bingham. London: Hatchard and Son, 1841.

Elements of Obstetric Medicine, with the Description and Treatment of some of the Principal Diseases of Children. By David D. Davis, M.D., M.R.S.L., Professor of Obstetric Medicine in University College, &c. Second Edition, illustrated by Engravings on Wood. London: Taylor and Walton, 1841.

Researches in Embryology (Third Series); a Contribution to the Physiology of Cells. By Martin Barry, M.D., F.R.S., F.R.S.E., &c. From the Philosophical Transactions. Part 2, for 1840.

Elements of Physiology for the Use of Students, and with especial Reference to the Wants of Practitioners. By Rudolph Wagner, M.D. Translated from the German, with Additions, by Robert Willis, M.D. Part I. on Generation. London: Sherwood and Co., 1841, pp. 229.

The Cause and Treatment of Curvature of the Spine, and Diseases of the Vertebral Column; Illustrated with Cases and Plates. By E. W. Tuson, F.R.S., F.L.S., Surgeon to the Middlesex Hospital, Lecturer on Anatomy and Physiology. London: Churchill, 1841, pp. 283.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A *Cheshire Apprentice* will find a careful abstract of Mr. Kiernan's discoveries in the structure of the liver, in the article "Liver," "Cyclopædia of Anatomy and Physiology;" or in the "Practical and Surgical Anatomy" and "Anatomists' Vade-Mecum." For illustrations on this subject, he must refer to the "Anatomical Plates" edited by Dr. Jones Quain and Mr. Erasmus Wilson. We think that he will find a translation of all the books of Celsus by Dr. Leese.

Mr. Lay's "Outline of Chinese Anatomy" has been received; will Mr. L. be so good as to favour us with his address?

Communications have been received from Mr. Roods; Mr. Gay; Mr. Morrison; A Student of St. George's; A Naval Assistant Surgeon; Mr. Gillespie; Mr. Smethurst; A Correspondent in Naples; Mr. Moss; Mr. Hocken.

Constant Reader.—The doctor's degree of the Scotch Universities is perfectly useless to the candidate for practice as an apothecary in England. He must have received the licence of the London Apothecaries' Company to dispense, though not to prescribe medicines.

Dr. Heygate's cases have been received.

The letters of Dr. Small and A Medical Assistant next week.

We are unable to find space for the letter of *Philanthropus* this week; it shall appear in our next.

In consequence of press of matter this week, we have been obliged to omit the letter of Mr. Harvey on the management of the Lincoln Lunatic Asylum; several communications on Vaccination; and a note from "A Looker-on"