VACCINATION ACT AT BRENTFORD. EXAMPLE TO THE PROFESSION.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR:—I have the pleasure of informing you, that the guardians of this union having voted an acquiescence in the proposal of the medical meetings of which I lately apprised you, and having obtained the consent of the poor-law commissioners to enter into contracts at *half-a-crown* for each person duly vaccinated, the clerk of the union has this day been instructed to offer contracts at that rate to all the resident practitioners.

You will, I doubt not, readily make known this event to the profession, as it shows that if medical men will but be true to themselves and each other, there is every thing to hope from the good sense and right feeling of the poor-law guardians and commissioners. I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

F. A. B. BONNEY.

Brentford, Nov. 11, 1840.

P.S.—I owe it to Mr. Henley, of Hounslow, to remark, that his name was accidentally omitted from the list of signatures against the eighteenpenny-rate which you did us the favour to publish.

THE VACCINATION ACT IN ST. LUKE'S.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR:—I beg to inclose you a copy of resolutions passed at a general meeting of the guardians of the parish of St. Luke's (Middlesex), held on the 28th Oct., on the subject of the Vaccination-extension Act, when the question of remuneration was carried in favour of the *eighteenpence* by a small majority. This, however, is not to be wondered at; for the example of St. Pancras was adduced as a reason for its adoption, on the ground that *eighteenpence* was in that parish considered an ample remuneration by an individual who was himself a member of the profession, and who, therefore, was able to appreciate the value of such services!! I regret that my own proposition for a more just remuneration did not meet with so much encouragement as even to find a seconder. I hope, however, for better things when the minutes are confirmed at a public meeting. At all events, I am quite sure that the medium sum of two shillings will be approved; although I am sorry to say that the eighteenpenny-fee met with a supporter in one of our brethren, who is a member of

the board. I also fully expect that the power of contracting will be extended to every qualified practitioner in the parish. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

JOHN FULLERTON, Surgeon, &c., and Member of the Board of Guardians.

City-road, Finsbury, Oct. 29, 1840.

Resolution moved by Mr. Palleser, and seconded by Mr. Gooch:—"That the contract for vaccination within this parish be limited to eight medical practitioners, including the three medical officers of the parish."

Amendment by Messrs. Fullerton and Smith:—"That the guardians do contract with every legally-qualified practitioner resident within the parish, who may be willing to undertake the duty."

A further amendment was moved, but not seconded, confining the duty to the medical officers alone.

For Mr. Fullerton's amendment.....7

For Mr. Palleser's motion8

Moved by Mr. Gooch, seconded by Mr. Cook:—"That the remuneration for every successful case of vaccination performed under the contract with the guardians pursuant to the Act of Parliament be limited to the sum of 1s. 6d."

Amendment by Mr. Fullerton:—"That the sum of 2s. 6d., at least, be given for each case." The amendment not being seconded, could not be put.

Amendment proposed by Messrs. Palleser and Robinson:—"That the sum to be paid for each case under the contract be two shillings."

For the amendment4

Against it6

The original resolution was then put and carried.

THE VACCINATION ACT IN ISLINGTON.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR:—I have just been informed that the Vaccination Act is about to be introduced into this parish, and that I am to receive tomorrow a notice requesting me to send in my tender to the parish authorities. I have also been informed that three medical gentlemen whom I respect, two of whom are connected with the first practitioners in Islington, are seriously contemplating sending in their tenders at the degrading rate of 1s. 6d. for each successful case. I have had an interview with two of these gentlemen, and am assured by them that they consider the terms as disparaging to the profession as I do, and that they would willingly resist this disgraceful measure if they had any reason to believe that the entire profession in Islington would join them in so doing. I hasten to send you this information, hoping it may arrive in time for you to make