ALDERSGATE-STREET DISPENSARY.

ADDRESS FROM COLCHESTER.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—As a *brief* notice only of the resolution unanimously passed at the meeting of the Colchester Medical Society, held October 29, 1833, appears in your last, the particulars of which were by some mistake not immediately inserted in your valuable journal, while an account of several meetings *held since* have been given *at length*, you will oblige the Society and myself by giving place to the following in your next number; and I have the honour to remain,

Yours very obediently,

ALDERMAN PARTRIDGE,
Treasurer and Secretary.

Colchester, 25th November, 1833.

At a meeting of the Colchester Medical Society, October 29, 1833, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously agreed to:—

“That this meeting is desirous of expressing its cordial approbation of the course pursued by the late medical officers of the *Aldersgate-Street Dispensary*, in resigning their situations in that institution, when they could not retain them without compromising their own characters, nor without injuring the best interests of a charity, to which they have so long and so faithfully afforded their valuable and gratuitous services.”

“In thus manfully maintaining a principle that involves in it the honour and respectability of the profession, they have offered an example well worthy the imitation of their medical brethren, as well as fully deserving the serious consideration of all who take an interest in the permanent welfare and success of every similar institution.”

“If places, which should be occupied only by men of science and respectability, are, in effect, to be avowedly sold by public auction whenever the office of physician or surgeon becomes vacant, there is an end to all honourable competition,—unblushing ignorance, backed by money, may usurp the place of superior talent and integrity, while the situation thus degradingly obtained, will soon cease to be worth the purchase. Moreover, it may be observed, that every institution *thus* propped up for a time, must soon lose the support of its *old* and *regular* subscribers, who will retire in disgust, and leave it eventually to become the merited sacrifice of a mercenary and short-sighted policy.”

“In conclusion, the meeting *laments exceedingly*, that any individuals should be found so forgetful of what is due to themselves, and to the honourable profession to which they belong, as, under such circumstances, to accept of offices that were resigned by their predecessors for reasons so just and praise worthy, and with the universal approbation of their medical brethren, both in the metropolis and throughout the country.”

(Signed)

T. Tomkin, *Surgeon*, Witham, Essex (*President*).R. D. Mackintosh, M.D., *Physician to the Colchester and Essex Hospital*.Edward Liveing, *Surg.*, Nayland, Suffolk.William Wayles, *Surg. to the Essex and Col. Hosp.*Henry Horatio Bidwell, *Surg.*, Dedham, Essex.John Sergeant Norman, *Surg.*, Merse, Essex.John Lawton, *Surg.*, Boxford, Suffolk.Alderman Partridge, *Surg. to the Essex and Col. Hosp.*Roger Nunn, M.D., *Surg. to the Essex and Col. Hosp.*Robert Bewick, *Surg.*, East Bergholt, Suffolk.James Henry Smith, *Surg.*, Manningtree, Essex.D. L. Manthorpe, *Surg.*, Thorp, Essex.J. G. Daniell, *Surg.*, Nayland, Suffolk.A. Maclean, M.D., *Physician to the Essex and Col. Hosp.*Philip Gretton, *Surg.*, Colchester.B. F. Symmonds, *Surg.*, Bines, Suffolk.

MEDICAL REFORM.

MEETING AT SHEFFIELD.

At a General Meeting of the Members of the Medical Profession resident in Sheffield and its vicinity, held at the *Savings Bank*, Sheffield, on Monday, December 2, 1833,

CORDEN THOMPSON, M.D. in the chair, the following resolutions were proposed seconded, and passed UNANIMOUSLY:—

1. Proposed by Mr. BOULTBEE, and seconded by G. C. HOLLAND, M.D.

“Considering the improved and daily improving state of medical science, the great enlargement of its boundaries, the brilliant progress of our continental brethren, from the superiority of their medical regulations and institutions, together with the liberal views and sentiments now so generally prevalent throughout the profession, it is the opinion of this meeting,