College, London. With 246 Illustrations on Wood. London: J. Churchill. 1842. Pp. 596.

Retrospect of the Progress of Medicine and Surgery, for 1841-2. By Mr. E. O. Spooner and Mr. W. Smart. Read June 30, 1842, before the Annual Meeting of the Southern Branch of the Provincial Medical Association, and published at its request. Blandford: William Shipp. 1842. 8vo.—We shall select a few paragraphs from this work, and print them among our articles of intelligence, prefixing to them an asterisk, or *. The profits derived from the sale of this publication are announced by its authors to be intended to be added by them to the benevolent fund of the association.

On the Treatment of Syphilis by Tartarized Antimony. By Alfred Smee, F.R.S., Surgeon to the General Dispensary, Aldersgate-street, &c. Pp. 7.

Elements of Physiology, for the Use of Students, and with especial Reference to the Wants of Practitioners. By Rudolph Wagner, M.D., Professor, &c., Gottingen. Translated from the German, with Additions. By Robert Willis, M.D., &c. Part 2 (of Nutrition and Secretion). With 80 Engravings on Wood. London: Sherwood. 8vo. Pp. 233.

The Anatomy of Sleep; or the Art of procuring Sound and Refreshing Slumber at Will. By Edward Binns, M.D. London: J. Churchill. 1842. Pp. 394.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

To the Editor.—Sir,—Will you please to inform me what are the necessary steps that should be taken to procure a foreign diploma of M.D., and also whether its possession would confer any privilege on the possessor, in common with those of London or Edinburgh. Also, if the medical reform that is in contemplation would be likely to affect it. Your obedient servant,
MEDICUS.

London, Nov. 8, 1842.

** We question if such a document would be of any value under an effective system of medical reform. We shall not show in this place with what facilities foreign diplomas in medicine can be obtained. If the required steps to procure them were fully explained, we fear that a very large importation of them would be the almost immediate result.

Viensis.—Yes. Sir Astley Cooper lectured on surgery during many years at St. Thomas's Hospital while he was one of the surgeons of Guy's Hospital. 2. His class on Monday and Wednesday nights often exceeded four hundred in number. 3. He was the most successful, the most practical, and the most popular medical lecturer in the metropolis. The pupils thoroughly understood him. (Does Mr. Green object to good precedents? Example is better than precept.)

We insert the letter at page 266, in order that the subject may be viewed in all its branches, and shall embody the answers to the questions in the course of our general remarks on the duties of Coroners.

The suggestion of *A Country Practitioner* (Sheffield) shall be communicated to the learned author himself.

A. G. R. next week.—The letter of *Mr. Haden*, and many other correspondents, in an early number.

To the Editor.—Sir,—Much discussion has taken place between myself and friends respecting the true and proper description of an inflammatory complaint which some of the profession describe as "*feverish cold*." The latter description has been denounced as incorrect, in which opinion I concur. There does not appear, however, to be any general rule for altering my opinion, although several medical gentlemen consider me in error. The question by consent has been referred to you, and if you would condescend to answer it, I shall always feel obliged, I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

R. M. HAWKE, Accountant, &c.

Falmouth, Nov. 2, 1842.

* * It would be scarcely possible to find a more incorrect term. A *hottish cold*, or a *coldish heat*, would not be a less absurd expression.

To the Editor.—Sir,—It is usual for a certain number of the inhabitants of every parish to be served with notices to appear before the magistrates, to be sworn in as special constables for the year ensuing. Is a licentiate of the Apothecaries' Hall, in actual practice, liable to serve as a special constable under such circumstances? I do not presume this to apply to there being any apprehension of disturbance, as every inhabitant would then perform his duty. Your obedient servant,

A SUBSCRIBER OF EIGHT YEARS.

Bath, Nov. 7, 1842.

* * Yes, licentiates of the hall are liable to serve as special constables, but not as ordinary parochial constables. The Court Leet has no power over them in that respect.

A letter from *Mr. J. H. Tucker*, of Berners-street, on the subject of Dr. Robert Lee, was received by us on the 8th inst., but the communication at p. 256 was forwarded, and in type, a week previously. Mr. Tucker defends the craniotomies of Dr. Lee. But the subject seems to us to be of too much importance, and the facts stated to be of too startling a nature to be discussed thus indirectly. The occasion is one on which Dr. Lee should speak in his own proper person.

We are much obliged to the Editor of the *Court Gazette* for the number of that journal (Nov. 5) containing two notices of the trials at Barnstaple, an ample report of which, however, appeared in *THE LANCET* of last week.