

handkerchief, having the initials J. C., and these not corresponding with the name on his card ("Dr. Rogers"), awakened my suspicion, now confirmed, by finding no such person in Welbeck-street. Believing, therefore, that he has obtained my signature for some sinister purpose, most probably to lead the unwary to suppose that he is known and recognised by me, I hereby caution the profession and public, and give it as my opinion that the man is an impostor. I am, Sir, your very obedient servant,

J. T. CONQUEST.

13, Finsbury-square, Dec. 24, 1840.

VACCINATION IN THE KEIGHLEY UNION.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR:—At a meeting of the medical men residing in the Keighley union, held in Keighley, in the West Riding of York, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., the following resolutions were passed. I may observe that, since the meeting, the union surgeons (three licentiates of the Hall) have accepted a shilling per case, which was offered by the board of guardians, who at the same time threatened that if they refused the offer, they would unite all the medical offices into one, and advertise for a *young man*. I am, Sir, your most obedient servant,

WM. AINLEY.

Dec. 19, 1840.

Resolved, 1st,—That the sum of two shillings and sixpence will afford the lowest reasonable remuneration for careful vaccination, and for a correct registration of the cases, and their results.

Resolved, 2nd,—That the board of guardians of the Keighley union have offered the entire privilege of vaccinating, under the provisions of the Vaccination Act, to the union surgeons; which, if accepted by them, the individual members of this meeting will resist such attempt to invade private practice, by continuing to vaccinate the children of the poor gratis, and that they will take every opportunity in their power of making the public aware of such resolution.

Dryden and Ainley, Bingley.
Henry Thomas, ditto.
John Mitchell and Son, Keighley.
H. B. Sewell, ditto.
John B. Beck, ditto.
Ed. South Hall, ditto.

MADAME LAFARGE.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR:—As M. Orfila states that a small portion of arsenic is always present in the bones, is it not possible that it might also be a constituent part of garlic, just the same as silica is found in minute portions in the stalks of corn? This would account for the great resemblance there is between the smell of garlic and the peculiar odour of arsenical fumes. In this way we need not wonder at arsenic being detected in the stomach of a Frenchman, as the quantity of garlic they eat is well known. At all events, this might lead us to doubt the correctness of the analysis that rested in any degree upon the presence of these fumes. I am, Sir, yours, &c.

INVESTIGATOR, W. S.

Nov. 26, 1840.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Spinal Diseases; with an improved Plan of Cure. Including what are commonly called Nervous Complaints, and numerous Examples from upwards of One Hundred and Fifty Cases. By John Hey Robertson, M.D. Glasgow: David Robertson; London: Longman and Co. 1841. 8vo. pp. 160.

The Cyclopædia of Domestic Medicine intended for Popular Use; comprising an Account of the Causes, Symptoms, and Methods of Curing Diseases, together with the Diseases of Women and Children and those incident to Warm Climates; with a brief Description of the Medicines in Common Use, and Directions for their Administration. By Keith Imray, M.D. London: Ball, Arnold, and Co. 1840. Parts 1 and 2.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We shall feel pleasure in receiving Mr. Hocken's communications; his paper shall appear in an early Number.

Communications have been received from Mr. George Stilwell; Mr. Burchell; "A Member of the College;" Mr. Thomas Williams; Mr. Bonney; Mr. Hill; Mr. Johnson; Mr. Smethurst; Mr. Massey; Verax; Dr. Cookson.

Dr. Cookson's reply to the questions of "A Looker-on" shall appear in our next.

We have been unable to find room for the communication of *Philaethes* this week. It shall appear in our next.

Dr. Blake's letter reached us too late for insertion this week, it shall appear in our next.

Dr. Mackenzie's communication is in the hands of the printer, it shall appear next week.