

In my opinion the formula ordered in the "Pharmacopœia Londinensis" is not sufficiently active for some kinds of neuralgia. I am, Sir, your very obedient servant,

S. R. J.

Walton, June 17, 1842.

## IMPOSITIONS ON SURGEONS.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—A short man, about fifty years of age, is just now going his rounds robbing medical men. To me he stated a name and residence, and complained of having disease of the rectum, but would not let me examine him on his visit; so that nothing was done, save his pocketing my midwifery case: for, as might be expected, on my going to the place he had named, he was not known there. He was short, and had a brown surtout on, closed all round; he had also a riding whip. Will you kindly notice this at once; and say also that the police tell me that a case of instruments was detained at Bow-street on the 14th. I expect that they are cupping instruments. Yours respectfully,

W. T. LIFF.

Newington, June 18, 1842.

At a meeting of the COLCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY, held at Colchester, Essex, on the 21st June, 1842, it was resolved, "That the thanks of this society be given to those medical practitioners, who have so nobly understood the degrading and oppressive terms proposed to them by the guardians of the Tending Union, for attendance on their poor; and that they be fully assured of the sympathy of this society with them, in their decision as to the refusal of those terms. And that this society express their regret that any qualified practitioner should be found willing to undertake those duties on such terms." B. T. SYMMONDS, Chairman.

## ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN LONDON.

List of gentlemen admitted members on Friday, June 17, 1842:—S. T. Frost, W. Spear, A. Alsop, W. H. Davids, H. Hayes, E. R. Owen, C. W. Mann, W. R. Shiell, W. Reynolds, J. R. Crawley, W. M. Powell, J. L. Robinson, A. Fairchild. Admitted Monday, June 20, J. Taylor, G. F. White, C. Shorten, R. E. B. Horniblow, T. O. Reilly, M. Hamilton, E. U. Berry, S. Bayton, B. Lever, S. Balding.

## BOOKS RECEIVED.

Dr. Tavernier's Treatise on the Treatment of Deformities of the Spine, by the "Lever Belt with Inclination Busk," &c. Translated by W. Brewer, M.D. London: Simpkin and Co. 1842. Pamphlet.

On the Theory and Practice of Midwifery. By Fleetwood Churchill, M.D. Illustrated by Bagg. London: Renshaw, 1842. 12mo. Pp. 479.

Dr. Hooper's Physician's Vade-mecum; or Manual of the Principles and Practice of Physic. New Edition. By William Augustus Guy, M.B. Cantab. London: Renshaw. 1842. 12mo. Pp. 492.

General and Scientific Views of Orthopædic Surgery, or the Treatment of the Deformities of the Osseous System, selected from British and Continental Authorities. Part I. Anatomy and Physiology. By H. Briggstocke, M.D., &c., Surgeon to the Bristol General Hospital. London: Churchill. 1842. Pp. 31.

Text-Book of Anatomy for Junior Students. By Alex. Jardine Lizars, M.D. Part 2. Edinburgh: Bell and Co; Mac-lachlan and Co. London: Highley.

Report of the Proceedings at the Conference of Delegates of the Middle and Working Classes held at Birmingham, April 5, 1842. London: 1842. Pamphlet.

A Therapeutical Arrangement of the Materia Medica, &c. By Martyn Payne, M.D., A.M. New York: Langley, 1842. 12mo. Pp. 271.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Dr. SCOFFERN requests us to insert the following note:—

"Apothecaries' Hall, May 6, 1842.

"Sir, I am directed by the court of examiners to transmit their recognition of you as a lecturer on chemistry; your present certificate from Dr. Golding Bird, together with that of Dr. Pereira formerly presented, being sufficient testimonials required by the court. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

"HENRY BLATCH, Secretary.

"To Dr. John Scoffern."

FINAL NOTE FROM DR. COOKSON.—Sir, I beg to remark, that Mr. Hill's learned quotation touching the case of Catiline is not an answer to my questions touching the case of Mr. M., our late patient. Until those questions are answered, there is no occasion for me to trouble myself further than to repeat my recorded conviction, which is also that of other members of the board, that *Mr. M. was beaten in his bed during a paroxysm of intractable violence on the night immediately preceding his death.* I am, Sir, yours, W. D. COOKSON.—Lincoln, June 20, 1842.

As the letter of Mr. Dutton consists for the most part of a recapitulation of the case adverted to, it is hardly necessary to find a place for it in our columns.

Mr. Semple's communication shall appear in our next.

The case of Crowing Respiration next week.