

commend some work to the student, and he had much pleasure in offering to their notice a new edition of his friend, Mr. Fyfe's, work which he considered a very cheap and useful book, and bestowed some flattering lucubrations on the style and quality of the plates."

Now, Mr. Editor, Professor Pattison must be grossly ignorant of the subject he professes to teach, or wilfully blind to the interest of his pupils, many of whom, but for the timely review of this work in your able Journal, might have been induced to purchase it upon the "ipse dixit" of an *imbecile professor of anatomy*.

I am, Sir, yours respectfully,
MONTESQUIEU.

London, November 7th, 1830.

EPILEPSY.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—The following is a case of epilepsy, assuming the intermittent form, in which I have successfully employed the sulphate of quinine. Should you think it worthy of insertion in your valuable periodical, its publication would oblige,

Yours sincerely,
P. W. BARRETT.

42, Great Marylebone Street.

The patient (Ellen Sullivan) gave me the following account of her symptoms:—She stated that she was in the habit of carrying heavy loads on her head, that about twelve-months since, she was attacked with fever, and on her recovery became deranged; that she was admitted into the Marylebone Infirmary, whence she was discharged cured; that she was afterward hired as a servant, and that while at prayers one evening was first attacked with these fits; that by the direction of the medical gentleman who attended her, she again applied at the Infirmary, whence, after a short time, she was discharged as incurable. She was then recommended by Mr. Mayo to the Middlesex Hospital, where she was treated as an out-patient. After a short attendance there, she was told, "that if the medicines she then got were of no service, she need not apply again." Under these circumstances, she was recommended to me; her symptoms were as follows:—Severe pain in the head, which had existed for the last year; great thirst; severe pain in the right side, augmented by pressure; liver slightly enlarged; abdomen swelled; bowels costive. Menses had not appeared for the last year; had a fit regularly at four o'clock every day: this was on the 15th of August last. When she first applied to me, I immediately determined on trying the effects of the sul-

phate of quinine. Seeing that there was a regular intermission of twenty-four hours, I therefore ordered her the following mixture:—

15. R *Sulphatis quininae*, gr. xvj;
Infus. valerianae, ℥vj;
Mistura camphoræ, ℥iv;
Tinctura valerianæ, ℥ss. M. ft.
mistur. cujus ægra sumat. cochlear. quatuor magn. 3tia vel 4ta
quaque hora.

R *Ol. ricini*, 3vj;
V. O.

Aquæ cinnamomi, ℥iss. M. ft.
haust. cras mane sumend.

On this day had no return of the fit.

16. Bowels well open; stools dark and fetid; abdomen less swelled; had no return of the fit. Directed her mixture to be continued, with the addition of tinct. sabinæ, ʒiij.

17. No return of the fit; bowels costive
Repet. haust.; repet. mistur.

18. Bowels well open; stools more healthy; and had no return of the fit.

19, 20, 21. Pursued the same mode of treatment; much better, and had no return of the fits.

22. Side painful; ordered her ten grains of the blue pill at night, and the above draught on the following morning.

23. Better, still no return of the fit.

Repet. pil. hyd., gr. v, omni nocte;
Repet. mistura quininae.

24 and 25. Still better.

26. Menses appeared; abdomen not swelled; no pain in the side, nor any enlargement of the liver. Having pursued this mode of treatment for some time, I had the pleasure of seeing the girl enabled to pursue her ordinary avocations in life, leaving perfectly well. What has been very remarkable in connexion with this case was, that most of her family have died from the sequences of the same complaint.

LONDON HOSPITAL.—THE PUPILS AND
MR. WALFORD.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—Though averse to every-thing like paper war, yet I cannot refrain from offering a few comments on the last letter of Mr. Walford, in reply to that from the pupils of the London Hospital. Our sturdy opponent was advised not to acknowledge what he calls our manifesto, on the ground of our insignificance. Here I would ask Mr. Walford, who, and what he is? Perhaps only a member of the College, and a licentiate of the Hall. If then we are in-

significant, most assuredly Mr. Walford's unimportant name will run parallel with the eight-and-thirty, for many of us are licentiates, and hope to deserve the College diploma, yet not by "our lick-spittle adulation" of Mr. Headington, as our contemptible defamer would insinuate. "Why did they not defend the knight as well as the squire?" "I can solve the problem," exclaims our knowing insignificant, and as the truly illiberal idea shoots and swells his mighty mind, no wonder this huge colossus of foresight and penetration towers over the innocents of Whitechapel, the harmless little men of the London Hospital. Here again does Mr. Walford give a sad proof of a little mind, and commit the very sin unjustly charged on Mr. Headington in his letter of the 25th of September—"that of arriving at an age in which the heart never glows with generous sentiments." Poor man! I blush for him, I am ashamed of him, and wonder at that soundness of mind and intellect from which could emanate so much wisdom and sagacity in explaining the motive actuating some few of the thirty-eight pupils in replying to his letter. I am happy to inform Mr. Walford, that I am one of the few who will present themselves for examination during the presidency of our worthy and upright surgeon Mr. Headington, and I should be poor, pitiful, and mean indeed, if my opposition to Mr. Walford's sentiments arose merely from interested motives. I despise the idea as much as I despise the man from whom it could originate; both are alike contemptible. There are some parts in Mr. Walford's letter which I confess I cannot comprehend. What does he mean when he says, "Is a wish that every man of ninety-two may be so weak as Sir William, all the pity they can bestow on a poor old man?" No such wish could emanate from the pupils of the London Hospital as Mr. Walford would insinuate; it was indeed quite the contrary, as different as light from darkness. Nor does Mr. Walford credit the assertion, that the majority of our pupils were in your favour. Whether he will believe it or not, yet I can assure him that many of us would have hailed your election as the dawn of a brighter day, and one of our pupils actually wore the popular colours attached to his button-hole during the contest. I would ask you, Mr. Editor, If this savoured of fear, was this lick-spittle adulation to the surgeons of the hospital?

In conclusion, I must apologise for occupying so much of your valuable publication, and cannot help observing, with a smile of pity, the manner our letter has been turned and twisted by Mr. Walford to suit his abject mind. He says, indeed, a great deal and to no purpose, and will pardon me, if in my reply, I attach what he calls another

"tail-piece," quite, I think, as applicable as the last, that Mr. Walford's blustering importance

"Resembles ocean into tempest wrought,
To waft a feather or to drown a fly."

I am, Sir,
Yours respectfully,

J. RICHARDS.

24, Old Ford Road, Bonner's Fields,
Bethnal Green, Oct. 19.

* * This letter was mislaid, or it would have appeared before.—ED. L.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

An Inquiry into the Natural History, Chemical Properties, and Medical Virtues, of the Rock Oil or Green Mineral Naphtha of Barbadoes, with particulars of its remedial powers in cutaneous eruptions, glandular complaints, diseases of the joints, &c. &c. With demonstrations that the solvent agent in digestion is the sub-carbonate of soda, &c. By C. H. Wilkinson, M.D., Bath. London: Ridgway. 1830. pp. 76.

Fate of the Colonies. A Letter to the Proprietors and Planters of the West Indies, resident in the Colonies. By R. Alexander, Esq. London: J. Fraser, Regent Street. 1830. pp. 31.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Mr. J. N. and others. There was not time to send to Mr. N's house, but a gentleman from this journal was present at the inquest. The conduct of the condemned parties was highly indecorous and improper. Had it proved *injurious*, they should have received a severe castigation.

The letter of *An Old Pupil, A Censor of the Fellows*, &c., with many others, shall appear next week.

If *A. R. K.* was present at the operation, we should like to see him, if he will write and appoint a time for calling in Bedford Square. Our reporter was not present, but a gentleman on whom we can rely, has promised us an accurate account of the operation.

Mr. Spins. It was an unpardonable omission on the part of the Coroner; but this officer is not bound by law to insist upon the attendance of a surgeon.

The Index to our last Volume will *positively* be published next week, and in order that all parties may be accommodated, it will, besides being stitched up with the Number, be published in a separate form.