A REWARD FOR GRATUITOUS MEDICAL SERVICES.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL JOURNAL.

GENTLEMEN,—I have some time past suspected that medical men are much too liberal in the readiness, perhaps I might say the eagerness, with which they give their professional assistance to the public, and that, consequently, there is not only an absence of gratitude towards them, but further, their services are so undervalued, that it is considered quite a favor conferred to accept them. I give you the following case in illustration :—

There is in this town a Magdalen asylum, regulated by the usual rules. It is small, and the duties of the medical officer, although certainly not heavy, it will be understood are neither agreeable nor instructive. The clergyman who visits has a salary; of course, all the officers are paid, *except the medical*. The druggist's bill last year was £12 19s.

About sixteen years ago the then committee of management requested me to become one of the medical attendants; I assented, and have discharged nearly the whole of the duties from that time. Two years ago I took a partner—a married gentleman—and as the rules of the institution would not otherwise permit his visiting the house, I requested his name might be joined with mine as one of the surgeons to the establishment. It was observed in the committee that, “if Mr. Wilton was tired of serving them, there were older residents than his partner who *had claims on them*. Such situations were of great value to medical men; how eagerly they always sought them!” In short, I asked too great a favor for my sixteen years' services; the appointment is worse than valueless, but my partner would not be allowed to share it, because some members of the committee thought so good a thing must be given to their own professional friends. I resigned, and a circular has been sent to the married medical men of this town, calling on them to offer their services, as the committee intend to elect two surgeons, “Mr. Wilton having resigned, and Mr. Cother's professional engagements preventing his attendance.”

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN W. WILTON.

Senior Surgeon to the Gloucester Infirmary.

Gloucester, June 30, 1842.

CONCOURS.

The concours for the professorship of clinical surgery, vacant by the death of M. Sanson, has terminated in the election of M. A. Berard.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN LONDON.

Members admitted Friday, July 8, 1842.

James Hunt, Edgar Cockell, Lionel Roberts, Octavius Frederick Heritage, James Moir, John Moore, Charles Hooper, Edmund Ormond Lyne, John Frederick Nicholls, William Davies, Frederick Morrison Clifford, George Brown Clark, Thomas Parr, James Cornwall.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.

Licentiates admitted Thursday, July 7, 1842.

P. Milner, Wakefield; E. Moore, London; D. H. Bell, Haynes, Copford, Essex; R. Davis, Cavan, Ireland; T. Smith, Patrington; G. J. Hilbers, Theydon Bois, Essex; J. W. Metcalfe, Canterbury.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Climate of South Devon, and its Influence on Health. By Thomas Shapter, M. D. London: Churchill, 1842. 8vo. pp. 258.

The Simple Treatment of Disease deduced from the Methods of Expectancy and Revulsion. By James M. Gulley, M.D. London: Churchill, 1842.

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Mr. Estlin's paper on Strabismus, and Mr. Walker's case of Artificial Pupil next week.

In answer to several correspondents, who have inquired about back numbers, we have to reply that Nos. 1 to 27 are out of print. A few copies of the new series remain, and may be obtained by gentlemen, who desire to complete their sets, through any bookseller.

A. S.—The Irish Medical Charities' Bill will be introduced by Lord Eliot in a few days, but we cannot say how far it may be modified.

A Subscriber should apply to Dr. Hastings or Mr. Sheppard relative to the 10th volume of the Transactions. We have no authority to order a copy for him.

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