

nor has he favoured us with any suggestions of the least value that I can discover. If he still thinks *weekly means* are the more valuable, he can procure them for himself. We do not think so, and therefore do not adopt them.

Apologizing for thus troubling you, I will merely add, that unless something very specially requires notice, I shall not again trouble you on this subject. I am, etc.,

T. HERBERT BARKER.

Bedford, 26th December, 1853.

## MEDICAL STUDENTS.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—As one of the oldest medical teachers in London, I hope you will permit me to express my entire sympathy in your remarks on the proposal of Dr. Golding Bird, for promoting the religious training of medical students. I can bear my testimony to the great improvement that has in this respect taken place in the metropolitan schools in the last quarter of a century, not only as regards the students, but also their teachers; ribald jests and profane allusions, which in former years occasionally debased the professorial chair, would now, if hazarded, receive rebuke rather than applause in all well-ordered institutions. As an indication of the deep change that has for years been progressing, I may state, what you, Sir, are doubtless acquainted with, that many distinguished teachers, London and provincial, are anxious to establish a Christian Medical Society, with branches in each school; and when it is known that such sentiments as are expressed by "A Medical Student of Guy's Hospital" (see p. 1138 of this Journal) extensively prevail among the body of pupils at large, we may well hope that, under the Divine blessing, the effort now being made will be crowned with success. Your readers will not, I feel assured, allow their judgment to be warped by erroneous representations as to the objects of such an association. For myself, I can conceive of no proposal more promising, not only as regards the medical student, but society at large, than one which aims at diffusing among the rising members of our influential profession, the precious truths of Christianity. That the habitual study of the revealed word of God, and a zealous desire to communicate to others a saving knowledge of the gospel of peace, is neither incompatible with the highest attainments in science, nor with the most conscientious discharge of professional duties, might be shown by many brilliant examples in this and other countries. It is thus that the studies and pursuits of our profession are consecrated; and happy will it be for mankind when the truth of the aphorism enunciated by the illustrious founder of electro-magnetism, Oersted, is recognised by every professor of the healing art, that "the man of science must ever look upon his pursuits, if he understands them rightly, as a constant exercise of religion." With much respect,

I am, etc.,

F. R. S., AND A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Christmas Day, 1853.

## MEDICAL STUDENTS:—AN EXPLANATION.

### LETTER FROM FRANCIS DAVIES, ESQ., TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—If you will have the goodness to insert this note, I do not intend to intrude myself again on your notice.

In the first place, if I have written one word that has given pain, I beg to retract it, and to express my sorrow. The purport of my letter has been so much misunderstood, that I am most anxious to explain what I really meant.

What I object to is, that Medical Students should trench on the duties of another profession, for which I contend they are wholly unfit. I never did object to their attending sedulously to their religious duties, at proper times and suitable seasons. I did not advise them to read Percival Pott or John Hunter on Sundays. I do not think these names are to be mentioned without respect: John Hunter was one of the greatest men this world ever saw; and Pott the most classical and elegant of surgical writers.

I am an old Arctic voyager; I have also served on the Coasts of Africa, and North and South America—and under too strict a disciplinarian for me ever to inculcate insubordination to existing authorities. I hold that students should implicitly obey their teachers.

I have recently received very many tracts, pamphlets, and sermons, with quantities of good wishes; but not one of the senders has had the manliness to add his name. I fancy I could not have been a very inattentive pupil: I was cotemporary with the present President of the College of Surgeons, who

deservedly stands at the top of that profession of which I am the humblest member.

I am, etc., FRANCIS DAVIES.

Parshore, Dec. 28th, 1853.

[The previous letters of Mr. Davies will be found at pages 1090 and 1138. EDITOR.]

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

THE SECRETARIES OF THE BRANCHES will much oblige the Editor by forwarding immediately to him the names of all the officers of their respective Branches, for publication in the first number for the ensuing year.

ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS. Members who desire any change to be made in the addresses of their Journals, are earnestly desired to communicate the same, without delay, to the publisher, Mr. Honeyman. Gentlemen who propose new members ought to furnish the correct postal addresses *distinctly written*.

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## ERRATA IN LIST AT p. 915, AND CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

[The words within brackets ought to be inserted.]

- BANNING, T. H., M.D., late of Oswestry, has removed to Widnes, Warrington, Lancashire.
- BARRATT, Joseph G., M.D., late of Ross, Herefordshire, has removed to Bath.
- BEEVER, William W., Esq., Manchester, should have had *c* prefixed to his name.
- BROWN, C. F., Esq., late of Bathford, Bath, has removed to Carlton Villas, Clifton.
- BROWN, G. D., Esq. [Resident Surgeon to the Hospital], Reading.
- BUCKBY, A. G. H., Esq., late of Rugby, has removed to Market Harborough, Leicestershire.
- BUSH, W., M.D., late of Weston-Super-Mare, has removed to Rosen Vale, Ludgvan, Penzance, Cornwall.
- COLLINS, Frederick [M.D.], Wanstead, Essex.
- COLLYNS, William, Esq., of Harlow, Essex, removed to Drewsteignton, near Exeter.
- CORLEY, Robert R., Esq., Lanefield, Suffolk; read CARLEY, R. R., Esq., Laxfield, Framlingham, Suffolk.
- COTTON, Charles, M.D., Lyme Regis, having resigned in 1852, and re-entered in 1853, ought to have had *a* prefixed to his name.
- COWAN, C., M.D., [Consulting] Physician to the Hospital, Reading.
- ELLIS, H. W. T., Esq., Crowle Hall, [by Bawtry] Lincolnshire.
- FIELD, John J., M.D., late of Torquay, has removed to Oxford.
- GODFREY, Race, Esq., late of Islington, has removed to Bath.
- HARRISON, L., Esq., [formerly] Surgeon to the Dispensary, Reading.
- HUGHES, [William] Esq., Llanrwst, Denbighshire.
- IKIN, J. Ingham, Esq. [Lecturer on Anatomy and Physiology, Surgeon to the Hospital for Women and Children], Leeds.
- IZOD, Freeman, Esq. [Minister], Reading.
- JONES, J., Esq., Amman Iron Works [Blanelly], Carmarthen.
- KEMPSON, P. Tertius, Esq., late of Briery Hill, Dudley, Worcestershire, has left England.
- LANE, C. H. Butler, M.D., late of Brighton, has removed to Newton Bushel, Devon.
- MASEN, William E. [M.B.], Stafford.
- O'CONNOR, William, M.D., late of George Street, Portman Square, has removed to Montague Street, Montague Square.
- OGLE, William, Esq., late of Cambridge, has removed to Chester Terrace, Eaton Square, London.
- PRICE, Jones, Esq., Rhyl, Flintshire, should be JONES, Price, Esq.
- POWELL, R. H., M.D., late of Edwards Street, has removed to Somerset Street, Portman Square.
- ROBERTS, P. N., Esq., late of Denbigh, has left that place.
- SCHOLFIELD, E., M.D., Doncaster. For "Consulting Surgeon", read "Consulting Physician".
- SOMERVILLE, Charles [M.D.], Walsall, Staffordshire.
- TAYLOR, Robert [Esq.], Guildford Street [Surgeon to the Central London Ophthalmic Hospital].
- VERTUE, [Francis] Henry, Esq., Southwold, Suffolk.