

while to record. The nurse, by mistake, one evening, rubbed in the Ung. pro Epispast. instead of the Ung. Hyd. fort. A plentiful eruption was thrown out on the surface of the legs, which were also much inflamed, the consequence of which most probably hastened the reduction of the œdematous swelling. Mr. Metcalfe is now enabled to walk two or three miles without much fatigue, and follows a laborious profession. In fact, he says his health is now much better than it has been for many years.

*To the Editors of the Medical and Physical Journal.*

GENTLEMEN,

**I**N your Number for this month, you request your correspondents will furnish lists of medical practitioners, and of medical institutions, in their neighbourhood. As the utility of such record seems evident, I hasten to furnish the materials for Chester, confining myself solely to the city, the medical residents of which are as follow :

PHYSICIANS.

- William Currie, M.D. of the University of Edinburgh.
- \*William M. Thackeray, M.D. of Cambridge.
- Robert F. Currie, M.D. of Edinburgh.
- \*John M. B. Pigot, M.D. of Edinburgh.

SURGEONS AND APOTHECARIES, ALL PRACTISING MIDWIFERY.

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| Daniel Orred,       | *Samuel N. Bennett,         |
| *Griffiths Rowland, | *Thomas Bagnall,            |
| James Okell,        | John Davies,                |
| George N. Hill,     | Joseph Bromfield,           |
| John Harrison,      | *Owen Titley,               |
| George Harrison,    | Edw. Simon, Inf. House Apo. |

Connected with the Infirmary are extensive fever-wards for male and female patients, open to any one applying, on the payment of a small weekly stipend.

There is a charitable society of ladies, for the delivery of married women at their own houses by a midwife, assisted by the surgeons of the city in rotation, if required.

There is a society for the purchase and circulation of medical journals and books among its own members, of which a physician and surgeon, alternately, is president ; Dr. Pigot, the secretary.

There are three damp and inadequate cells in the poor-house for the reception of lunatics ; and, as far as I know,

\* Medical and Surgical Officers to the County Infirmary.

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there is not any other receptacle for maniacs throughout Cheshire and North Wales.

Although I might be able to furnish lists of the practitioners of the neighbouring market-towns, I feel myself unable to give an accurate general list of the county, and prefer leaving it to other hands, rather than offer dubious intelligence. I remain, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

*Nicholas-street, Chester,*

JOHN M. B. PIGOT, M.D.

*March 9, 1813.*

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*To the Editors of the Medical and Physical Journal.*

GENTLEMEN,

PERMIT me, through the medium of your useful Journal, to be informed by any practitioner of surgery, what success they can derive from the use of the Elastic Gum Catheter, for a length of time, immediately after the operation of lithotomy, which, by a fair trial, I am strongly convinced, would be productive of many beneficial effects.

Among the many celebrated writers on the stone in the bladder, I cannot find such a simple practice introduced; and in patients I have seen undergo the operation, many unpleasant and dangerous symptoms followed by the length of time the parts took to heal, and the urine was often some time before it could be evacuated by its natural canal: this, then, is my reason for proposing the catheter.

In the first instance, I beg leave to say, that wearing the elastic gum catheter, assists greatly in conveying the urine from the bladder, and allows those parts injured by the operation an opportunity of healing much quicker than otherwise they would do; secondly, it prevents the growth of excrescences, and other obstructions in the urethra, which are often known to occur, and must be attended with disagreeable consequences; thirdly, the great facility, in many cases, of introducing this catheter, and the trifling inconveniences attending the constant use of it, render it again worthy the attention of any unprejudiced surgeon.

By giving this little communication a place in your valuable miscellany, you will greatly oblige

Your obedient humble Servant,

*Chester, March 24, 1813.*

STUDENS.