

*penile* is intended to mean, of or belonging to the penis itself in its adjective sense, as sounding perhaps a little more modest, to non-professional ears than the very vulgar word *penis*. As our London Medical Journals not unfrequently find their way into the hands of others than those for whom they are legitimately intended, a little mystification is sometimes necessary and proper. I cannot therefore subscribe to your own remarks, that the name used in the Journal mentioned by an "Ignorant Subscriber" is either an inflated heading or a pompous professionalism. If he will take the trouble to refer to that elegant piece of English composition, the production of an accomplished scholar as well as a profound Surgeon, namely, "Thompson on the enlarged Prostate," he will see the name in two or three places. I have seen it in one or two other works, besides having *heard* it publicly expressed, so you must excuse my taking up the cudgel in favor of one of our London writers. You may rest assured, that, if it had not been sanctioned by authority, and accepted as a suitable term, the eyes as well as the pens of our London Argus would have been up in arms these volunteer times.

The old proverb "after a storm comes a calm" has been renewed so far as Medicine is concerned, for quiet and calm as London has been I may say the entire summer, it has been followed by a storm in the bustle and excitement now going on in the profession which is seldom witnessed. Not for very many years has there been such a tremendous influx of pupils at the Medical Schools as this year; many of the Lecture Rooms are crowded to excess, and the teachers in some of them, in their simplicity, believe that it is the reputation of their particular Schools which is attracting so many aspirants for the profession of medicine. The cause however is explicable in another way. After I believe the first of January, the regulations of study under the new medical act, are to be of so stringent a character, that no one can hereafter enter the portals of physic unless he can prove, that not only is he a thorough master of his profession, but that he is also an educated and accomplished gentleman. To escape this ordeal, many young men have entered their names at once, and have commenced to study, perhaps earlier than they otherwise would have done. I notice that many were boys among the pupils.

Although the winds and the weather have been most unpropitious and extremely disagreeable all the summer, and a great part of the time the rain descended in torrents, yet the health of the people has been remarkably good, so much so that practice was at a premium. Many men who are always busy, have really complained this Summer of the little they had to do. It would seem to have affected all classes alike, but now a reaction is setting in, although curiously enough the weather is very fine.

Several works of considerable interest are just now emanating from the press, and amongst them quite a number upon Surgery. Indeed the facilities for studying this branch of Medical Science at the present day are very great, when we reflect upon the number of works which take up the subject generally. It would seem however that that is not the opinion of all, for a "new system of Surgery" in three volumes, edited by Mr. T. Holmes, is in course of preparation, the first volume to appear in a few days. Then we are to have a new edition of