

flown terms which "A Subscriber," (we cannot adopt the prefix,) so quietly censures, is not creditable in these days of sound scholarship, and common sense, and would almost justify the republication of Dean Swift's celebrated caricature of professional pomposity in his day. The name must have been given to the article, which appeared in the *Lancet* under the above inflated heading, by some student reporting a case admitted into University College Hospital under the care of Mr. Erichsen, and who seized the opportunity to shew off his learning. Mr. Erichsen we are persuaded never saw it, and the only wonder to us is that the *Lancet* admitted it. ED. B. A. J.)

OBITUARY NOTICE.

Death has been busy among the great ones of our Profession during the last several months. We have now to chronicle the decease of Dr. Addison aged about 67, and whose name will survive in connection with the *Morbus Addisonii*. He was born at Newcastle and graduated at Edinburgh in 1815. He then went to London, and was appointed Surgeon to the York Hospital where he soon acquired a high reputation in the treatment of syphilitic diseases. Becoming subsequently a pupil of the celebrated Bateman, he rapidly acquired a thorough intimacy with cutaneous diseases, rivalling his preceptor in this branch of medical science afterwards. It is said that he had scarcely an equal in diagnosing these peculiar affections. In 1824 he was appointed Assistant Physician to Guy's Hospital, in which he introduced to London notice the splendid discoveries of Laennec in the auscultation of thoracic diseases. In 1827 he was appointed lecturer on *Materia Medica*, and rapidly obtained, from the interest which he compelled his pupils to take in that dry subject, and from the peculiar mode of his teaching, the best class in London. In 1857 he was appointed Physician to the Hospital, and at the same time joined Dr. Bright in the chair of Medicine; and it is not a little singular that both these gentlemen should have discovered, and had their names attached to, new diseases. Conjointly with Dr. Bright he published a work on medicine, one volume only of which appeared. Addison's other contributions to medical literature, considering the vast extent of his knowledge, were not numerous. He contributed largely however to the *Guy's Hospital Reports*, a very great number of the papers in which are from his pen. He died at Brighton, on the 29th June, universally lamented.