

by every impartial person, an unjustifiable attack upon the professional character of our learned and distinguished professor, Mr. Bell.

Your correspondent, after presuming to call in the interference of the council with the duties of the professor, states that Mr. Bell "in the first division of the course had 'gone over' fractures, injuries of the head, and many more important diseases, without mentioning the *treatment* necessary." Now this, I assert, and I am borne out by almost every other student in the University, is totally without foundation. Mr. Bell has *never failed*, in describing to us the important disease to which your correspondent alludes, to point out the *principle* and *best mode* of treatment; and if he has not been precise in entering into the various minutiae of manual operations, he has very justly concluded, that it is not in the class-room in which we can obtain our "*practical* information," and he has, consequently, devoted that time, which might otherwise have been uselessly spent, in teaching us the fundamental principles of the science; in bestowing upon us that important theoretical knowledge, by which alone our practice could be rendered either safe or beneficial.

Your correspondent professes himself not to be actuated by any feeling of pique or ill-will towards Mr. Bell. With his private feelings I do not presume to be acquainted; I can only observe, that, from whatever motive he has been induced to bring forward charges so totally groundless, they have met with the marked and decided disapprobation of all Mr. Bell's class.

With regard to the difference of attendance upon the physiological class, I would call the attention of your correspondent to the laws of the College of Surgeons: he will find that the late laws only required an attendance upon two courses, and consequently those pupils who attended last year, are not *required* to attend this. I can confidently assert that there are only four or five pupils who attend surgical lectures out of the University.

I am, Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

A JUNIOR PUPIL.

London University, Feb. 15, 1830.

#### ILLIBERALITY TO STUDENTS IN THE BOROUGH HOSPITALS.

*To the Editor of THE LANCET.*

SIR,—As you have ever raised your voice against the "Hole-and-Corner" system practised in the Borough Hospitals, proba-

bly you will not refuse to animadvert upon the unheard-of circumstance which has just taken place. As you must be well aware, the whole of Grainger's class are pupils either of St. Thomas's or Guy's; and this morning a student came into the dissecting room, and informed the class that there was a case of dislocation of the hip-joint at St. Thomas's, which the surgeons were immediately about, or rather were then actually reducing: there was an immediate rush made by the pupils towards the Hospital; we were there told, that the surgeons were reducing it in the operating theatre, and upon proceeding to it, to our no small surprise, we found the porter at the door, who refused to admit a single individual without seeing his ticket. Now, as not nine out of the whole body of us had our tickets in our pockets, as it was not a posted operation, we were prevented from seeing an operation which we were privileged to see, and for which privilege we have paid so dearly; the porter at the same time acknowledged that he knew us perfectly as students, but that he could not admit us without our tickets, by that means disappointing more than fifty of us who applied for admittance. Such, Sir, is the manner in which the students, who have been so deluded as to enter to the Borough Hospitals, are treated; but vilely as we have been heretofore used, I think, never before, have even the Surgeons of St. Thomas's shown so glaring an example of oppression. By alluding to this affair you will oblige the whole body of the Borough Students, who feel their rights completely trampled under foot by the proceedings of this morning, and believe me to remain,

Your obedient servant,

A STUDENT.

Borough, Friday Morning,  
February 12.

#### DERBY INFIRMARY.—CASE OF HERNIA.

*To the Editor of THE LANCET.*

SIR,—In answer to the statements put forth by "A Governor" respecting the nature and treatment of a recent case of "strangulated hernia," I have merely to assert that the case was not one of *strangulation*, and that the treatment adopted was sound. If "A Governor" will point out intelligibly the errors of the practice, and affix his *name* to his reply, I shall, for one, be most happy to enter the list of contention.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

HENRY FRANCIS GIBBORNE.

Derby, Feb. 15, 1830.