

but as a matter of public importance, since every individual in the community is personally interested in the efficiency and respectability of the surgical profession;" a conclusion which, in our opinion, cannot be controverted.

WE understand that Dr. HASLAM intends to give a short course of lectures on "*The Intellectual Composition of Man*," in the ensuing autumn, at the London Medical Society's House in Bolt Court. From Dr. Haslam's extensive experience as a practical psychologist, we have no doubt of his being able to furnish us with many interesting facts; and we anticipate that these lectures will prove as valuable to the moral philosopher, as to the practitioner of physic.

As some of our readers may not have had an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the particulars of the *first case*, wherein Mr. WARDROP attempted the cure of NÆVUS of the face, by applying a ligature on the carotid artery, we have quoted Mr. WARDROP's paper from the 9th volume of the *Medico Chirurgical Transactions*, and it will be found at page 394 of this day's LANCET.

The course of reasoning adopted by Mr. WARDROP, and which induced him to undertake the operation, was very logically pursued.

The letter of Mr. FREDERICK SALMON, at page 399, addressed to the Governors of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, is well worthy of consideration. If it be true, as Mr. ABERNETHY says of himself, that he is a "straight forward man," he certainly can have no pretensions to free agency, as he appears to be everlastingly propelled through a "serpentine course." We blush for him.

We beg to point attention to the correspondence between Dr. HARRISON and Dr. CHAMBERS, at page 397. The fellows of the College of Physicians appear resolved to maintain their *character*, but if they knew of the way in which it is estimated in all liberal society, probably they would be less tenacious about it.

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*To the Editor of THE LANCET.*

SIR,—The insertion of the inclosed *official Letter* (without comment) in your most useful and interesting publication, will oblige,

Sir, your obedient humble servant,

ROBERT JOHN THORNTON, M.D.

College of Physicians, June 25, 1827.

SIR,—I am directed to inform you, that your name (omitted from an error of the press) will appear again in the College List, which will be published in October next.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

WILLIAM MACMICHAEL.  
*Registrar.*

To Dr. Robert John Thornton.