[cervical] that acute symptoms have followed," and for "pieces of metal fixed in the uterus, which had remained there in some instances for days, and in others for longer periods, while inflammation was set up and abscess resulted;" and for "sixty instrumental introductions, with the view to remove dysmenorrhœa." Such practice is in imitation of Dr. McIntosh and Dr. Gream. Let Dr. Gream, then, correct the evils of his own teachings and the blunders of his own followers, for certainly I am not responsible for them.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
Bolton-row, May-fair, April 10th, 1865. J. MARION SIMS.

DRS. WATSON AND GILLESPIE IN REPLY TO MR. SYME.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—I regret to see that Mr. Syme, in his letter of the 10th inst., makes no *amende honorable* for the unauthorized publication of a summary of his colleagues' cases in his previous letter of the 23rd ult., for I feel confident, that had anyone ventured to take like liberties with cases under Mr. Syme's care, both he and the profession generally would have thought that he had been treated with but scant courtesy.

In stating what he believed to be the results of the employment of acupressure in the Edinburgh Infirmary, I must also express my regret that Mr. Syme, in publishing with the imprimatur of his name a summary of cases under the care of his colleagues, should have to acknowledge that he proceeded only upon the authority of a resident medical officer instead of that of his colleagues themselves, from whom he might have ascertained the facts at any time, as his duty brought him to the hospital daily at the same hour as that of their visit.

Mr. Syme would seem to palliate his reference to these cases upon the ground that they had already been "publicly quoted as evidence of his hostility to improvement." I have sought in vain for any such publication of my cases, and I acknowledge that I am at a loss to understand how any cases of mine, which were never seen by Mr. Syme, could be employed to afford evidence of such a kind.—I am, Sir, yours &c.,

PATRICK HERON WATSON.

Charlotte-square, Edinburgh, April 14th, 1865.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—I am very sorry indeed to find that Professor Syme considers an anonymous article in a newspaper, containing a cursory allusion to my acupressure cases,—for which I am in no way responsible, and which I am not prepared to justify,—sufficient ground for breaking through the first principles of etiquette. I would most willingly have given him all the information he required, had I been requested to do so; and I cannot help feeling hurt that Prof. Syme, with whom I have always been on a friendly footing, and for whom I entertain the greatest respect, should have thought the observations and opinions of his house-surgeon, who has no connexion whatever with my wards, sufficient for his purpose.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

JAMES D. GILLESPIE, M.D., F.R.C.S.E.,
Edinburgh, April 17th, 1865. Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary.

Medical News.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following gentlemen passed their Primary Examinations in Anatomy and Physiology at a meeting of the Court of Examiners on the 12th inst., and when eligible will be admitted to the pass examination:—

Bell, J. H., King's College.
Bernard, D. E., Bristol.
Boulton, D. F., St. Barthol. Hospital.
Burn, W. B., St. Barthol. Hospital.
Bush, J. D., Newcastle.
Cant, W. E., St. George's Hospital.
Canton, G. A., King's College.
Dalton, B. N., Guy's Hospital.
Elliot, A. B., Guy's Hospital.
Evans, A. G., Middlesex Hospital.
Finch, J. E. M., St. Barthol. Hospital.
Fisher, George, Leeds.
Haynes, F. H., St. Barthol. Hospital.
Holmes, F. A., St. Mary's Hospital.
Hyde, J. K., Charing-cross Hospital.
Ireland, Edward, King's College.
Kemp, W. G., St. Barthol. Hospital.

Loane, Thomas, London Hospital.
McLean, E. H., St. Barthol. Hospital.
Moore, R. B., St. Barthol. Hospital.
Molecey, O. T., King's College.
Parsons, F. W., King's College.
Pattinson, H. B., St. Barthol. Hospital.
Quick, John, St. Barthol. Hospital.
Renshaw, Bernard, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
Ridge, J. J., St. Thomas's Hospital.
Sawyer, James, Birmingham.
Solly, S. E., St. Thomas's Hospital.
Stainthorpe, T. E., Middlesex Hospital.
Strange, T. W., Liverpool.
Tindal, W. R., St. George's Hospital.
Wilson, H. G., St. Barthol. Hospital.
Wright, R. T., King's College.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine and received certificates to practise on the 13th inst.:—

Birtwell, Henry Hargreaves, Blackburn.
Edwards, Henry Nelson, Finsbury-square.
Megget, Archibald, Scarborough.

As Assistants:—

Barrett, Charles Henry, Bristol.
Emmott, Christopher, Gray's-inn-road.

The following gentlemen also on the same day passed their first examination:—

Leverton, Edward James, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
Mule, Philip Henry, St. George's Hospital.
Smith, Henry Cecil, Guy's Hospital.

ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.—At a full meeting of the governors of this institution, held on the 19th inst., Mr. Solly was re-elected Senior Surgeon by a very large majority.

To Correspondents.

COURT OF ARBITRATION.

A CORRESPONDENT, with the signature of J. B., suggests that the Medical Council should establish a Board of Arbitration to settle disputes amongst practitioners. He recommends that they should be assisted by an eminent Queen's Counsel, and that they should be paid liberally for their services. There are so many objections to this proposition that we do not publish the communication of "J. B." in full. Very few of the disputes between medical practitioners involve questions of law, and would be usually settled far more satisfactorily by arbitrators appointed in the locality in which the dispute originated. By this not only would expense be avoided, but the facts would be more likely to be impartially adjudicated upon.

The Western Times.—We are obliged to our correspondent for the paper which he sent us. The contest seems to have been creditably spirited, and we congratulate the successful candidate and his friends. While there is nothing in the facts calling for more special notice from us, we can well understand they have local interest and significance.

F. A. G., M.D., (Faversham).—There is no definite rule. The new-comer, however, generally calls upon the residents, who are naturally expected to return the courtesy.

THE GRIFFIN TESTIMONIAL FUND.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—The following subscription has been further received on behalf of the above Fund:—

Richard Wilding, Esq., Church Stretton	£0	5	3
Amount previously announced	123	6	0
Received at THE LANCET Office	9	9	0

Yours obediently,

ROBERT FOWLER, M.D.,

Treasurer and Hon. Sec.

145, Bishopsgate-street Without, April 20th, 1865.

Mr. Dudley, (Over Wineford, Cheshire).—Though the statement made may be perfectly correct, and we have no reason to doubt it, it could not be published in its present form. There are, however, means, which will, no doubt, suggest themselves to our correspondent, of making the facts known in quarters where a knowledge of them is likely to be advantageous to the profession.

A Constant Country Subscriber and Surgeon.—Dr. Brown-Séquard is not at present in England. He is, we believe, on a visit to Paris.

F. should consult the article "Variola" in Dr. Copland's Dictionary.

We regret, for the sake of Mr. Arthur Sargeant, that his letter betrays so much passion and so little self-respect.

T. B.—If the person alluded to can be proved in three distinct cases to have practised as an apothecary, the Society at Blackfriars would sanction a prosecution in their name. The Medical Act affords no protection whatever.

A CASE FOR A COURT-MEDICAL.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—I ask your advice in the following case:—I have been attending along with my colleague, Dr. Kirk, a labourer, suffering from compound fracture of leg and simple fracture of arm, for the last fortnight, and all seemed going on well, when a few evenings ago a man presented himself at our surgery, with our splints, &c., and told me he did not wish our attendance any longer, as the relations had employed another doctor. The man refused to assign any reason for such conduct, nor would he tell me what medical man had been called in. On making inquiries, I have since ascertained that Dr. Munro had charge of the case, and that he had actually visited the patient during the time we were attending, when he persuaded the patient and his friends that the leg was "all wrong."

Now, from the date of the accident up to that time neither the patient nor any of his relations ever expressed the slightest dissatisfaction, although on one occasion a neighbour brought a local bone-setter, who, of course, tried to persuade him his leg required re-setting; but this the patient refused. Now it seems the logic of this Dr. Munro has been more efficacious than that of the bone-setter.

I have asked the advice of several members of the profession here; but as none of them had ever heard of such a case, and as we unfortunately have no Medical Society to lay the case before, they all recommended me to ask your advice, and that of the profession through THE LANCET.—Yours, &c.,

West Hartlepool, Durham, April, 1865.

S. GOURLEY, M.D.