upon—the one is, constantly to associate in the student's mind the practical importance of the anatomical knowledge he is acquiring, by referring to the surgical operations in each region, and giving a clear but brief description of their mode of performance, and the dangers or errors to be avoided. We do not always agree with Mr. Wilson as to the best mode of performing these operations, but the principle that has guided him in thus placing the ultimate object of interest, the surgery, in juxtaposition and direct relation with the more dry details of anatomy, is good, and has been carried out in a manner which cannot fail to prove useful to the student. The work is well adapted for the guidance and instruction of the anatomical student; nor ought we, in summing up its merits, to forget the diagrams, which are valuable additions to the various other means resorted to, in the endeavour to fix the most important parts clearly in the mind's eye; they are both superior in design and execution to those which have hitherto been introduced into class-books. It remains only to add, that after careful examination we have no hesitation in recommending this work to the notice of those for whom it has been expressly written, the students, as a guide possessing very superior claims, well calculated to facilitate their studies, and render their labour less irksome, by constantly keeping before them defined objects of interest.

MR. COOPER AND MR. FAGAN.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR:—At your request I beg to place before the readers of THE LANCET a statement of the facts connected with the publication of the case of John Fagan, who was lately a patient in University College Hospital. The case in question was received from the gentleman who usually furnishes reports to THE LANCET from that hospital, and the heading which has excited the ire of Mr. Samuel Cooper, was affixed by me, as sub-editor of THE LANCET, while the article was passing through the press. On reflecting on the correctness of that heading, I see nothing in it which is not consistent with probability. The patient himself states that for the last eight years Mr. Cooper was in the habit of passing bougies into his bladder. An impression remains on the mind of every one who has read the case, that Mr. Samuel Cooper was the person alluded to in the expression "Oh, Sir, Mr. Cooper put that in;" and I naturally drew the same inference, the

more readily that I knew of no one who was more likely to have "put that in" than the senior surgeon of the hospital. As to the charges of "interpolation," "calumnies," &c. in the report, I have simply to remark that such allegations are not only false, but made by persons who must have known them to be untrue. I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,

P. HENNIS GREEN.

49, Essex-street, Strand,
May 26, 1839.

LETTER FROM MR. HARRISON

ON AN

INVESTIGATION AT THE WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR:—Observing in your Number of Saturday last a report (?) of the proceedings which took place in the Board-room of the Westminster Hospital, on the 30th of April, I beg leave, through the same medium, to assert unreservedly that the motion I then submitted to the Board of that charity was in nowise like to the one put into my mouth by the governor-reporter, whom I therefore accuse of perverting the truth. † * * * *

Having now made the assertion, I shall prove it, and without entering into further discussion, merely refute the report (?) of the writer.

Reporter's version of my Motion.

"That an inquiry be made into the conduct of Mr. Hale Thomson, the assistant-surgeon, for tapping a hydrocele in a patient whose testis was affected with fungoid disease."

True Motion, as copied from the Minutes of the Board, April 23rd.

"That at the next meeting (which was the 30th) inquiry be made whether any consultation was held previous to the operation on John Dauzi, who died on the 14th inst., and what the nature of the disease was calling for the operation."

Now, any impartial reader will immediately perceive the immense difference between the two motions. In the true one the conduct of Mr. Hale Thomson is not even alluded to, nor does it state that he tapped a hydrocele; for the words of my motion expressly ask the nature of the disease, which appeared essential, as on the book of the hospital the patient was described to have been admitted for a "*Fungoid Disease of the Testicle*;" and when I heard that a

† As the name of the reporter was not attached to the communication in question, we object to publish the guess and allusions of Mr. Harrison, though we readily insert his correction of the misstatement.—ED. L.