PRAYER OF THE VETERINARIANS THAT THEY MAY BECOME "A PROFESSION."

A LARGE number of members of the Royal Veterinary College of London and the Veterinary School of Edinburgh have addressed a memorial to the Queen, in council, stating as follows, namely,—

"That the number of graduates now practising in the three kingdoms falls little short of one thousand. That owing to their not participating in the privileges and exemptions which have been granted to the medical and other professions, much injury has arisen to themselves in the course of their practice, as well as loss to their employers. That their time is so fully occupied in the discharge of the duties of their profession, and they are so continually at the call of the public, as to be very ill qualified to discharge those parochial and other services which the law at present enforces on them, with due regard to the interests of the public. That two schools, one at London and the other at Edinburgh, have been, by private munificence, established for the education of the veterinary pupil, but in the instruction of the student, in the affairs of the schools, and in the regulation of those matters of essential moment to the veterinary practitioners, they have neither voice nor control, although it will be admitted that they alone are best qualified to manage the affairs of their profession, being most intimately connected with its interests and welfare. That the veterinary profession is not recognised by law, nor have its members any power in restraining the inroads of unauthorised and uneducated pretenders. That the operation of these causes tends very much to impede the progress of veterinary science, and the respectability of its members. That considering the progress already made in the advancement of veterinary science by the superior education and attainments of veterinary practitioners, your petitioners earnestly trust that your Majesty will be pleased to take into your most gracious consideration the advantages which would accrue from placing them (seeing the usefulness of their occupation) in a position which would enable them to possess with the members of other professions those privileges from which they have hitherto been excluded. Wherefore, for the removal of these and such like grievances, 'the petitioners pray, that her Majesty will grant' to the graduates of the Royal Veterinary College of London and the Veterinary School of Edinburgh a royal charter of incorporation, under the title of the *Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons*, that they may become a recognised profession, a college of examiners, and be the better enabled to advance the onward progress of veterinary science."

SOLVENT FOR PHOSPHATIC CALCULI.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—The writer of this note having discovered a menstruum for phosphatic calculi speedy in its action, but of so mild a nature that it may be injected into the bladder, I am most anxious for immediate opportunities of testing its efficacy in calculous cases; and would be greatly obliged if any of his professional brethren would assist him in this matter. It will be obvious that this is necessarily a preliminary step to publication. Your obedient servant,

S. ELLIOTT HORKING, M.D.

June 8, 1842.

PORTRAIT OF BRANSBY B. COOPER, ESQ

WE announced in a former number of THE LANCET, that engravings from the portrait of Bransby B. Cooper, Esq., the property of a committee of gentlemen educated at Guy's Hospital, had been generously presented by them to the Society for Relief of Widows and Orphans of Medical Men in London and its Vicinity. We have now to state that Messrs. Paul and Dominic Colnaghi, of Pall-Mall East, have kindly consented to take charge of these engravings, and to dispose of them for the benefit of the society.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

NOTICE.—Mr. Battley begs to announce to students in medicine that the museum of *materia medica* and pharmacy attached to the London Ophthalmic Hospital, Moorfields, is open daily, from eight o'clock till four. Cards of admission may be obtained by application to Mr. Thomas Heward, house-surgeon, at the hospital.

Mr. Buller's communication shall appear immediately.

Communications have been received from *Mr. Ross* and *Mr. Thomson*.

The letter of *An Edinbro' Druggist* of the 2nd ult. was received, but it did not contain anything which it was necessary to publish farther to elucidate the points under discussion.

Spectator alter.—The question has now subsided into a calm; it would be wrong for spectators to re-excite a discussion which the principals have given up. Indeed, it has already occupied an unfair proportion of our pages.

Errata.—In Mr. Courtney's paper, last LANCET, p. 339, in third paragraph, before the words "generous diet" erase the word "of." In the last paragraph, for "denounce as simple," read "denounce as sinful;" and, towards conclusion of the same paragraph, read *on* instead of "or" after the word "ascetic."