ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

THE course of lectures on anatomy and surgery were commenced on Thursday, the 3rd inst., by Mr. B. Cooper. In the first lecture, owing to the novelty of his position, he was somewhat nervous, and did not explain his views so clearly as he was anxious to do. On the second occasion of his lecturing, however, he was "quite at home," and attempted to show that fracture of the neck of the femur within the capsule never *could* occur; that, in fact, nature never intended that it should. He entered at considerable length into the arguments which had been adduced on both sides of this contested point, and denied that a case of osseous union of the neck of the thigh-bone within the capsule had *ever* occurred.

LAST REPORT FROM
THE NATIONAL VACCINE
INSTITUTION.

(Ordered, by the House of Commons, to be printed, 8th March, 1842.)

TO THE RIGHT HON. SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
THE HOME DEPARTMENT.

SIR,—We feel a sincere satisfaction in being able to assure you that we have had abundant evidence, in the course of the last year, of the increasing confidence of the country in the protective power of vaccination; though this satisfaction is somewhat diminished by the frequent avowal of our correspondents of their inability to maintain a supply of genuine authentic lymph without the aid of that afforded by this national establishment.

Among other facts which prove the importance attached to the existence of this board, we may mention, that small-pox having broken out in the Orkney Islands, immediate recourse was had to the board, and a large quantity of lymph sent thither, which appears to have arrested the progress of this horrible malady, and probably to have placed the inhabitants of those distant parts of her Majesty's dominions beyond the fear of its recurrence.

We have vaccinated, at the several stations within and in the immediate neighbourhood of the metropolis, 15,361 subjects; and have sent out to our correspondents and to the colonies, at the instance of Government, 152,668 charges of vaccine lymph.

We have, &c.

(Signed) HENRY HALFORD.

G. S. GUTHRIE.

EDWARD J. SEYMOUR, M.D.

CLEMENT HUE, M.D., Registr.

National Vaccine Establishment,
March, 1842.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

A REDUCTION in the amount of salary to the officers in this institution having recently been determined on, Dr. Roget has sent in his resignation, conceiving that the *laborious* duties of his department would not be adequately remunerated at £100 a-year. Some amusing correspondence has occurred on the subject of the reductions of salaries, which will shortly be laid before the public.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, March 15.—Mr. Alderman Copeland inquired whether the Government had received a report of the special commission appointed to inquire into the operation and working of the Anatomy Act; and, if so, whether a copy would be laid on the table?—Sir J. Graham replied, that the report had not yet been received; and that when it was received it would be a matter of subsequent consideration whether a copy would be laid on the table.—*Times*.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS
IN LONDON.

LIST of gentlemen admitted members on Friday, March 11, 1842:—James Tiptaft Keal; Parkinson Oates; Edward Jones; Richard Slaughter Carter; John Hardie Gray; Thomas Ager; Frederick Albert Tipple; Cavendish Wall; Daniel Stone; Nicholas John Watson; John Thomas Jackson.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Mr. E. Brown.—A person who is *now* practising medicine illegally, will not have any claim under a change in the law to be received into the ranks of the profession, even if he have been twenty years acting as an apothecary. He had better at once offer to submit to the examination at the hall, or be prepared for such new examination as the law may require him to undergo.

If *A Constant Reader* (Derby) desires his allegation, that the patient has not been cured, to be published, he must be so good as to forward a letter, with his name and address, in authentication of the statement.

Verax.—"A Manual of Auscultation:" by James Birch Sharpe. THE LANCET for the period mentioned by our correspondent amounts to 1*l*. 18*s*. 4*d*.

A REQUEST was made last week at the office of this Journal, that there should be inserted in that "valuable" publication, a certain "solemn declaration of a sad circumstance" which the writer had offered to "swear some time since at the Lord Mayor's office, only that the clerk said it was a cir-