can only say, I was convinced myself that Sir Astley Cooper judged rightly in advising its being performed before matters had proceeded to extremity, as in his own case. The same feelings which actuated him, led me not to abandon a fellow-creature to what I believe was an inevitable death, without an attempt to save him.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
J. H. JAMES.

Exeter, Nov. 11, 1830.

THE PROSECUTOR'S COSTS, IN THE LATE
TRIAL OF JOHN LONG.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—I find it stated in one of your recent numbers, that Mr. Wakley has, hitherto, borne the whole expense of conducting the prosecution of the great metropolitan arch-quack, John St. John Long, who was found guilty, by a respectable jury of his countrymen, of having *manslaughtered* (O the goodly fitness of law terms!) a young lady, while in the prime of life and health, and whose punishment has been the subject of no inconsiderable surprise to the higher, and of indignation to the lower, classes of society. Respecting the manner in which Mr. Wakley conducted the original inquiry, which led to that prosecution, there never was but one unanimous feeling of commendation among the numerous members of the profession with whom I have the pleasure of associating. But now that we are informed, that in order to complete his praiseworthy enterprise of exposing unblushing and criminal ignorance, Mr. Wakley has not hesitated to buckle on himself the whole of the pecuniary responsibility,—often very heavy, and always inevitable, which attaches to those who, in this country, claim the protection of the laws, it becomes our duty, as it must be the duty of the public at large, who will reap ultimately the benefit of Mr. Wakley's endeavours, to come forward and relieve him, as the *Medical Gazette* very justly observes, from a burden which it would be disgraceful to suffer him to bear.

It is in accordance with such a feeling that I beg you to offer to the proper quarter the inclosed mite towards defraying the law expenses incurred by Mr. Wakley in procuring the conviction of John St. John Long of his *first* legalized murder.

I remain, Sir, your
Humble Servant,
A. B. GRANVILLE.

16, Grafton-street, Berkeley-square, Nov. 13, 1830.

* * * Received the cheque for 2l. 2s.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—The reform which has taken place in the hospitals of this metropolis since the publication of *THE LANCET*, has induced me to lay before you some abuses which at present exist at St. Bartholomew's.

Mr. Earle has on every occasion evinced a great desire to be of service to the pupils, and in no instance more so than by the valuable lectures which he delivers weekly. He has, however, chosen an hour to lecture, during which Mr. Vincent is going round the hospital, and thus those who accompany Mr. Vincent are deprived of Mr. Earle's remarks. I feel assured that it is not intentional, and that it needs only to be mentioned to be remedied.

I may also take this opportunity of exposing the conduct of *certain puppies* who make a practice of smoking cigars in the anatomical theatre, previous to Mr. Lawrence's entering to give his surgical lecture. Their exploits, however, are not confined to the anatomical theatres, but extend to the wards of the hospital, infecting their already not too salubrious atmosphere. Some of them may have learned it abroad, but the others have not travelled beyond the precincts of the London pot-houses.

Mr. Lawrence has already given the *puppies* a hint to discontinue the practice, but without effect. If this notice should be also disregarded, I shall take an early opportunity of forwarding their names for insertion in *THE LANCET*, if you think they will not sully its pages; but if so, perhaps an application to Mr. Helps the treasurer, stating names and particulars, may prove equally beneficial. By the insertion of this letter in an early number of your excellent Journal, you will add to the many obligations already conferred on the pupils and patients of this hospital.

A PUPIL.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital,
November 15th, 1830.

REVIEWS OF NEW WORKS.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—I cannot too greatly admire the boldness and impartiality with which you review all new medical works; the advantage of your just criticisms is of infinite importance, not only to the profession in general, but to the student in particular.

A few weeks since, "Professor Pattison of the London University," introduced "Fyfe's Anatomy" to the notice of his class, "observing that it was usual to re-