vocation was retarded, not advanced, by the proceedings of the graduates' committee.*

Dr. Storrar points to the fact, that he was nominated by a large majority at Convocation for a place on the Senate as justifying the choice of the Senate in nominating him to the Medical Council. He insults his fellow medical graduates by the allusion; he knows that the votes in his favour were given almost exclusively by graduates in Arts and Law, who outnumber us as three to one. These gentlemen now tell us they voted in utter ignorance of our wishes, and have already taken steps to prevent a like mistake hereafter. The Queen's Bench, let us hope, will give us an opportunity of putting their sincerity to the test. We shall then see whether the University of London can find on its Senate, or elsewhere, a gentleman whose professional position will be such as to lead us to feel content when our representative takes his place at the Council board by the side of a Brodie, a Watson, a Christison, a Syme, or a Stokes.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
November, 1858. A MEDICAL GRADUATE.

P.S.—I enclose my card.

DR. ENGLEDDUE.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—It is quite impossible for me to express the surprise I experienced when I read the letter in which reference is made to me in the last number of your journal. I can have nothing to say to the anonymous writer of the letter; but with the fact which he mentions I can grapple. My name is unfortunately written in the smallest possible letters on the card at the head of the bed of the patient in the oil-painting which is placed over the box at the railway station; and with regard to the fact I have the following statement to make:—

The box was placed at the railway station with the sanction of the committee of the hospital, and I suggested to Mr. Poate, an artist residing in this town, that he should paint a small picture, representing the interior of one of the wards, which might be placed over the box, and thus attract the attention of persons waiting in the railway-station lobby. Mr. Poate went to the hospital by himself, made his own arrangements with the house-surgeon, and took a photographic view of the interior of the ward, and from this painted his picture. When the picture was nearly finished, I saw it, and observed my name, in very small letters, on the card at the head of the bed. I remonstrated with Mr. Poate on the impropriety of such a proceeding, and requested him to remove it. Unfortunately, a few days after this interview, I was seized with serious illness, and was absent from my professional duties for three months. Although I have seen the picture when at the railway station, I never observed my name, which is very indistinct, and written in the smallest possible letters; and this portion of the picture is upwards of eight feet from the ground.

Of course I could make many remarks upon this matter, but I refrain.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
Southsea, November, 1858. W. C. ENGLEDDUE, M.D.

* * We cheerfully insert Dr. Engledue's letter, which satisfactorily explains away what would otherwise be a serious imputation upon him.—ED. L.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—Dr. Engledue has shown me the letter, in your last number, in reference to the hospital picture at the railway station. As the painter of that picture, I trust to your sense of justice to allow me to explain.

When I received instructions to make a painting of one of

* This committee nominally consisted of thirty-six members, but really of a little knot of six. Members retired after attending a few meetings, impressed with a very humble estimate of the proceedings of the little party. New members were added, who retired in turn, some few permitting their names to remain. It was this committee which opposed the Senate when arrangements were suggested for granting certificates of special proficiency in different subjects apart from degrees. This arrangement would have anticipated the Oxford and Cambridge middle-class examination. The little knot argued that such certificates might be "confounded with their degrees," and the young University was left behind. A like resistance was offered to the Senate in their proposal to admit, on a limited examination, to *ad eundem* M.A. degrees some distinguished B.A.s of Oxford and Cambridge, whose religious principles prevented their receiving from these Universities the M.A. degree. The little party would compel such men, some of whom had been their teachers, to matriculate as boys. It was a majority of the same party that opposed the recent proposal of the Senate to throw open the University. Convocation is, however, now beginning to form a just estimate of the clique and their proceedings.

the hospital wards, I went to the institution and took a photographic view, and the man whose bed was included happened to be Dr. Engledue's patient. I copied the photograph literally, placing the name of the medical gentleman on the card at the head of the bed. On seeing it, Dr. Engledue instantly pointed out to me that it was utterly inadmissible, and requested that it should be erased; but I extremely regret to find I did not do so effectually. The picture was finished during Dr. Engledue's illness, and so escaped further observation; but I believe that the name is not legible to one person in a thousand.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
Portsmouth, November, 1858. RICHARD POATE.

SUGAR CONFECTIONERY.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—Knowing the high character your widely-circulated journal bears for fairness and impartiality, I have no doubt you will do me the justice to give insertion to the following.

In the Report of the Analytical Sanitary Commission for November 20th, there appears an account of the analyses of sugar confectionery; and in alluding to a sample of ginger lozenges purchased at my establishment, it is stated that they were "adulterated with a small quantity of potato-flour."

Having been in business upwards of twenty-one years, and during the whole of that time having invariably used, in all confectionery manufactured by me, the best materials that could be purchased (as I can clearly prove by my invoices, or by the parties with whom I have dealt); and it having been my study to produce the best and purest articles that can be made; I am utterly at a loss to account for the presence of anything in the shape of adulteration in confectionery manufactured by me. All my goods are bought at the first houses in the trade, my ingredients are ground for me by one of the best grinders, and are made up by the most experienced workmen I can find (under my own personal superintendence), most of whom have been employed by me for several years.

As to having used potato-flour, I can assure you, Sir, I have never had such an article in my possession, the only materials used in the manufacture of the ginger lozenges analyzed being the best gum, the best Jamaica ginger (unbleached and washed), the best loaf-sugar, and a very small quantity of the finest starch-powder, for the purpose of taking the dampness off the stone on which they are laid to be cut, thereby saving the workmen much trouble—in fact, it would be almost impossible to finish them off without it.

With respect to the coloured confectionery to which you allude, it is at present supplied by only two or three houses in the whole trade, and is *not* my own making. I have long since left off selling any article coloured either blue or green; and, for the future, if I find I cannot get them quite genuine, I shall discontinue selling any that are not my own manufacture.

Trusting you will do me the justice to reconsider your analysis, thinking it possible some error might have accidentally crept in, I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

17, Middle-row, Holborn, Nov. 1858. WILLIAM DUNSMORE.

* * We stated of the lozenges purchased of Mr. Dunsmore that they were adulterated with a small quantity of potato-flour. To the statement that the lozenges contain that article we still adhere. There are two explanations by which its presence may be accounted for, without attributing adulteration to Mr. Dunsmore. It appears that the ginger used is not ground on the premises, but is sent to the grinder; and, further, that starch-powder is used to dust the lozenges with. Now the potato-flour detected might either have been introduced through the ginger, or it might have been present in the starch-powder. The analysis that will be given in the next Report of the Commission on Sugar Confectionery will support the statement, that Mr. Dunsmore neither himself adulterates nor knowingly purchases adulterated articles of sugar confectionery.

THE NEW SYDENHAM SOCIETY.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—In the early part of the year, I paid my subscription to the "New Sydenham Society," and in the course of the summer received a list of works recommended for publication, together with a notice, that in order to avoid delay, the Council