with, the nuclei of the blood-corpuscles. (Mr. Gulliver's Contributions to Minute Anatomy, Lond. and Edinb. Phil. Mag., for August, 1842.)

BLACK PITCH PILLS DURING PREGNANCY.

To the Editor.—Sir, in your Number for September 3, I perceive a note from E. Harvey, Esq., requesting my reason for not recommending black pitch in piles during pregnancy. In several cases where I gave the pills, the formula of which you published in your Journal for August, I was induced to believe that premature labour had been excited by their influence; the mere suspicion of such an effect is sufficient to prevent their administration, and it was by looking back on the cases treated with the pills, and an equal number that were not, that my conclusions were arrived at. I am, Sir, yours most respectfully,

T. H. WARDLEWORTH.

Cheetham-hill, Sept. 5, 1842.

MR. LANGSTAFF'S MUSEUM.

By an advertisement on our cover of this week, it will be perceived that the announcement of sale by auction of this valuable collection, is made for the latter end of this month. As a pathological museum this collection has obtained a very high and deserved reputation both in this country and on the continent.

LITERARY INTELLIGENCE.

MR. CHURCHILL is preparing for immediate publication:—

A System of Practical Surgery: illustrated with 220 woodcuts. By William Fergusson, F.R.S.E., Professor of Surgery in King's College, London, &c.

Diseases of the Skin: a Practical and Theoretical Treatise on the Diagnosis, Pathology, and Treatment of Cutaneous Diseases; arranged according to a Natural System of Classification, and preceded by an Outline of the Anatomy and Physiology of the Skin. By Erasmus Wilson, Lecturer on Anatomy and Physiology in the Middlesex Hospital Medical School, &c. &c.

Practical Observations in Midwifery; with Cases in Illustration. Second Edition, with additions; to be comprised in one 8vo. volume. By John Ramsbotham, M.D., late Lecturer on Midwifery at the London Hospital, Consulting Physician to the Royal Maternity Charity, &c. &c.

A Manual of Medical Jurisprudence. By Alfred S. Taylor, Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence and Chemistry at Guy's Hospital, &c.

Clinical Midwifery: with the Histories of Four Hundred Cases of Difficult Labour and Practical Inferences. By Robert Lee, M.D., F.R.S., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, Lecturer on Midwifery at St. George's Hospital, &c. &c.

The Prescriber's Pharmacopœia. By a Practising Physician. Second Edition, revised, with additions.

On the Chemical Discrimination of Vesical Calculi. By E. A. Scharling, Professor of Chemistry in the University of Copenhagen. Translated, with an Appendix containing Practical Directions for the Recognition of Calculi. By S. Elliott Hoskins, M.D.

Principles of Medicine; comprehending General Pathology and Therapeutics. By Charles J. B. Williams, M.D., F.R.S., Professor of Medicine in University College, London.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

On Diseases of the Bladder and Prostate Gland. With Plates. By William Coulson. Third Edition, revised and corrected. London: Longman and Co. 1842. 8vo. Pp. 274.

A Bedside Manual of Physical Diagnosis, Second Edition, revised and enlarged. With an Appendix, containing a Plan for the Registration of Cases, &c. By Charles Cowan, M.D. London: Sherwood and Co. 1842. 16mo. Pp. 99.

CORRESPONDENTS.

To the Editor.—Sir, The other day I was hastily summoned to attend a youngster, aged four years, who was reported to have swallowed a halfpenny. An emetic was instantly given, the repeated operation of which brought up nothing but the alimentary contents of the stomach; and castor-oil, which was afterwards administered, failed altogether in its action on the bowels: but after a lapse of four hours the coin was violently ejected from the throat, unaccompanied by any other ingesta. I am, Sir, yours, A CONSTANT READER.—Sunderland, Sept. 2.

The notice under the head "University College Medical School," at p. 800 of the last LANCET, should have been preceded by the words *From a Correspondent*.

We have been utterly unable this week to give even an abstract of the reply of Mr. Reeves to the statements of Mr. Elliot.

Tyro.—The notice was not, and such notices never are, from the pen of the publisher. There are also many other such productions on sale at the medical booksellers, whose advertisements may be consulted.

What ground has X. C. for believing that he could obtain that important portion of the task, the revision, effected? If he write again, his letter must be accompanied (in confidence) by a name and address.