use of it in *THE LANCET*, of November 7.
I am your obedient servant,

A MEMBER OF AN HONOURABLE
BUT DEGRADED PROFESSION.

Islington, November 6, 1840.

VACCINATION AT EDMONTON.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR:—A circular has been addressed to the medical officers of the Edmonton union, requiring them to state if they are willing to vaccinate the children of the poor at the sum of 1s. 6d. for each successful case; and also if they will supply single trusses at 5s., and double trusses at 7s. 6d. each. The latter part of the circular ought more properly to have been addressed to the several blacksmiths residing in the union. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

A SURGEON OF BETTER TIMES.

October 29, 1840.

TWELVEPENNY VACCINATORS.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR:—Now that the profession is on the *qui vive* with reference to the bringing into operation the new Vaccination Act, I feel that every deviation from the ordinary course should be recorded in the public journals. Where I reside, in the parish of St. Mary's, Newington, the board of guardians has liberally offered the sum of *one shilling per head* for vaccination. At this you will not be surprised. But would you believe that three men, calling themselves respectable members of the profession, have actually come forward and accepted the offer? Their names (Mr. Enoch D. Howitt, 5, Apollo-buildings, Walworth, Mr. Rich. Prior, 9, Marlborough-place, Walworth; and Mr. Wm. H. Dry, Trinity-terrace, Dovor-street,) I give for the benefit of the profession. I remain yours truly,

J. T. DARVILL.

7, Dean's-row, Walworth,
November 3, 1840.

INSTRUMENT FOR THE OPERATION FOR SQUINTING.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR:—Permit me to request the insertion in your valuable columns of the following brief description of an instrument which I have found greatly to facilitate the operation for the cure of strabismus:—The instrument resembles a small curved director attached to a handle, with a sharp-pointed, curved bistoury blade sliding in the groove. The

blade and groove are accurately portions of a circular arc, comprising rather more than one-sixth of a circle, the diameter of which is one inch and a quarter. The groove gradually deepens from the point to the handle, so as to conceal the taper-pointed blade, when withdrawn a little; and is continued through the solid part of the handle, to give steadiness to the motion of the blade. I have used this instrument with complete success in more than a dozen cases, without the aid of any accessory instruments for fixing the eye or eyelids: my mode of operating being simply to make a small opening in the conjunctiva with a pair of probe-pointed scissors, through which the director is introduced and passed under the tendon to be divided; the blade being passed forward with the point of the fore-finger, completes the operation.

This instrument is made by Mr. Ferguson, to whose assiduity in promoting any improvement in instrumental surgery, I gladly avail myself of the present opportunity of adding my testimony. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

CHARLES BROOKE.

35, Keppel-street, Russell-square.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A Medical Reformer.—We consider the view taken of the subject to be perfectly just. The communication shall receive our earliest attention.

Mr. Foster's communication has been mislaid. He would much oblige us by forwarding another copy of it.

H. P. H.—We are not aware of any such complication as that mentioned by our correspondent, and believe that the concurrence of these two diseases in the same subject must be, at least, very uncommon.

The letter of *Dr. Jefferys, Parens, A Wiltshire Surgeon*, the note of *Mr. Bloxam*, next week. Why defer sending letters until so inconvenient a day as Thursday?

A Medical Reformer.—By any sign or brass plate that a *M.F.M.* may please—as large as Mr. Howship's, or as small as Sir Astley Cooper's.

We are obliged, from press of matter, to postpone the reports of the Medico-Chirurgical, Westminster, and London Medical Societies till next week.

Mr. Tulk's communication shall be published in our next Journal; it arrived too late for this week.

We are again obliged to delay the communications of several of our correspondents until next week.

The reply of *A Looker-on* to Dr. Cookson reached us too late for insertion this week; it shall appear in the next Number.

Philaethes in our next.