GROSS FALSEHOOD OF DR. ELLIOTSON'S
REVILERS.

Dr. Elliotson presents his compliments to the Editor of THE LANCET, and requests the favour of the insertion of the accompanying communication which he has made to the Editor of the Gazette.

37, Conduit-street, Nov. 27, 1832.

"Dr. Elliotson desires that the Editor of the Medical Gazette will insert the accompanying letter from the Secretary of the University of London, written in answer to an inquiry whether the statement, which a friend last night informed him was in the Gazette of the week before last, was true. Had it been true, he need not say, that he should have instantly resigned his office in the University.

"Nov. 27, 1832."

[The following is the statement alluded to by Dr. Elliotson:—"The Faculty of Medicine at the London University have come to the determination, that henceforth no opening "address shall be permitted to be delivered until it has been laid before them, in order that the nature of its contents may be previously ascertained."]

"To Dr. Elliotson.

"University of London, Nov. 27, 1832.

"MY DEAR SIR,—Neither the Council, nor the Senate, nor any Faculty, has ever entertained the proposition that introductory lectures should be submitted to any tribunal before they are delivered. Nor has any such proposition ever been made to any of those bodies.

"The gentleman who opens the classes of the two great divisions of the University, is recommended by his colleagues, the professors of his Faculty; and he is requested (in consequence of that recommendation) by the Council, to deliver the Introductory Lecture. To require him, after resorting to such means of selection, to submit his lecture to the comments of his Faculty, would evince little respect for the professor, and little confidence in the discretion of the selecting parties.

"I am, my dear Sir,

"Most faithfully yours,

(Signed) "THOMAS COATES."

LATE INQUEST AT LUTTERWORTH.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—Observing in THE LANCET of the 17th instant, a "scandalous" misrepresentation of an inquest held at Lutterworth, by an anonymous writer, I have to request that you will, through the medium of your journal, favour me with the name of your correspondent, whose anonymous signature is surely no guarantee for his veracity. When this is done, I pledge myself to give you a faithful and satisfactory statement of the case, authenticated by four out of the five other medical men examined on the inquest, whose conclusive evidence, I have no doubt, you will think the coroner and jury justified in taking, in preference to the indecisive opinion of the other medical witness.

Unless your correspondent's name* is made known to me, I shall not think it necessary to trouble you or your readers with any further communication on the subject, considering him, while he is anonymous, unworthy of other notice, and shall content myself with this opportunity of declaring the *entire* incorrectness of his statement; for saying which, I have the sanction of the medical men already referred to. Begging the favour of your inserting this in your next number, I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

M. BUSZARD,

The Surgeon who attended the Patient.

Lutterworth, Nov. 26, 1832.

* As the name of our correspondent was given in confidence, it cannot of course be communicated without his authority, but we shall with pleasure insert any authenticated statement of facts which Mr. Buszard may send to us.—ED.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Anti-tussis, taking the hint from the practice observed in some chapel, recommends that in large classes of students, the acts of coughing and clearing the throat should be performed all round at some one of the many pauses which lecturers make in their discourses, in order to save the present incessant interruptions.

The statements of *Liberal* cannot be published unless his real name and address be added to them.

The letters of Mr. J. H. Martin, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Birtwhistle, and a great number of others, or a notice of them, we are compelled to postpone until our next.

We are unwillingly compelled to omit the List of Subscriptions forwarded by Dr. Ryan until our next.