lisis of the knee-joint, with slight superficial sinuses," and it was announced that the limb was amputated more at the urgent request of the patient than on account of the severity of the disease. Upon examination of the limb after the operation there proved to be *no anchylosis at all*, and the *slight superficial sinuses* communicated with the knee-joint, which was pretty extensively diseased. So much for the students' first lesson in diagnosis and amputation. This same week a man was admitted with dislocation of the humerus, into the axilla, which had existed during nearly three weeks. The day after his admission a surgeon (!) attempted to reduce it, and *failed*. The students were informed that the operator had *heard of* luxations of longer standing being reduced. Is this the same surgeon who failed last year in a similar case of four weeks' duration, and who, on that occasion, said he did not believe that they were ever reduced after four weeks' delay? The last year's case was kept in the hospital until a false joint had time to form. I presume that this man will be incarcerated for a similar period. Is this the northern surgical Leviathan, the crack lithotomist, the exciser of joints, the founder of a "maison de santé," the publisher of "Reports" (with half the facts omitted)?

Sir Charles Bell delivered his introductory lecture to a crowded audience, who thought him very egotistical. I hear he is receiving plenty of fees, whether attendance on his class be voluntary or compulsory. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

STUDENS SCOTUS.

Edinburgh, Nov. 11th, 1836.

* * This note has been mislaid. It was marked for insertion long since.—ED. L.

THE REVILER OF MEDICAL STUDENTS.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR:—I beg to ask Mr. Sims if he be a *volunteer* in his explanation why THE LANCET is denied to the pupils of this school? Also, whether he thinks that when THE LANCET is restored, the pupils will pay the "covers" more respect, *in consequence* of the temporary withdrawal? If Mr. Sims *believes* the tale he told to you last week, he is a simpler body than we here take him for. I repeat my former statement, that it is to spare Cummin that THE LANCET is discontinued. His falsehood, inconsistency, and shuffling, are openly talked of amongst the pupils, upon whose esteem he has no hold. They despise cowardice, and are not a little resentful for the continued insults heaped upon the character of medical students in his journal. I ought to tell you that it is to be attempted to get up an address to him after the Holidays, but it will fail this time. Yours, &c.

J. P.

MEDICAL WITNESSES ACT.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR:—In answer to your inquiries respecting the payment of the fees accorded to medical witnesses under the new Act, I take leave to forward to you the enclosed letters, which I have received within the last day or two from the coroners for this county. Some unavoidable delay has taken place in their answering my notes to them on this subject, in consequence of their both having had of late a heavy pressure of official business on their hands,—this being the gloomy season, when, as Gil Blas would say the people of England hang and drown themselves.

These, with the previous testimonies you have published in THE LANCET, in contradiction to the misstatements which have been promulgated by the organ of the medical Tories, cycled the "Yellow Fungus," will it is to be hoped, be sufficient to disabuse the public mind in the matter referred to and to induce the editors of that publication if they possess a single spark of manly and honourable feeling, to make a full and unqualified retraction of such misstatement I remain, dear Sir, yours very faithfully,

WILLIAM TUCKER, Surgeon
Market Lavington, Wiltshire, Jan. 1, 1837.

"From Mr. WHITMARSH, Coroner.

"Devizes, Dec. 30, 1836.

SIR:—I was from home when your letter arrived, or I would have answered immediately. I always give the warrant according to the Medical Witnesses Act whenever a surgeon attends an inquest, and indeed, the auditor demands it before a fee is paid. I have not found any opposition or difficulty whatever to the payment of your fees since the Act has been in operation. I am now going from home immediately, and am sorry to have written so hastily, but from the contents of yours, thought you wished an early reply. If you wish any further communication, I shall be happy to give you what assistance lies in my power to obtain it. I remain, Sir, your very obediently,

"W. P. WHITMARSH."

"To W. Tucker, Esq., Surgeon, Market Lavington."

"Bradford, Wilts, Dec. 22, 1836"

"MY DEAR SIR:—I should have replied to your letter long before, but I have been absent from home for four or five days since I received it. All the orders which I have given to the different overseers of parish for the payment of the fees to surgeons attending inquisitions have been paid, without hesitation or delay. I am, yours very truly,

"WILLIAM ADYE."

"To Wm. Tucker, Esq., &c., &c."