PROCESS OF DEFECACTION.—LETTER FROM
MR. SALMON.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—I beg to state, in answer to Mr. Oldknow of Nottingham, that immediately upon the appearance of Dr. O'Beirne's remarks in reply to my observations on the editorial review of the *London Medical and Surgical Journal*, I wrote to Dr. Blundell of Great George-street, and Mr. Bransby Cooper, requesting they would inspect my preparations of the diseases of the rectum, and favour the profession with their report. From particular arrangements on the part of Dr. Blundell, their decision has not yet been received by me. I have, however, reason to know, that it will shortly appear, and I trust *fully* set at rest the important practical fact to which your correspondent's letter most especially refers. Requesting your insertion of this note, I am, Sir, your very obedient servant,
FREDERICK SALMON.
12, Old Broad-street, Nov. 12, 1833.

NEW CANDIDATE FOR NOTORIETY.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—I send you the card of a fifth candidate for notoriety:—

“DR. ROWLEY

“Solicits your Vote and Interest in his favour, as a Candidate for the Appointment of Physician to the General Dispensary, Aldersgate-Street.”

“* * THE DAY OF ELECTION IS FIXED FOR NOVEMBER 15TH.”

This candidate waited on me for my vote. I briefly replied, that I was sorry to see him thus opposed to his professional brethren. He blushed and departed.

Your obedient servant,
A GOVERNOR.

Nov. 13th.

REPLY TO A QUERY.—“R.”, to whom we put a question at page 263 of our last number, has favoured us with the following reply:—“I have not seen the tumour but I have been given to understand by Mr. Scott, that the diseased mass was composed partly of medullary sarcoma (diffused) partly carcinomatous, and that parts also bore the characters of what is generally denominated “common scrofulous disease.”

CIRCULAR FROM THE COLLEGE OF
SURGEONS.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

College of Surgeons,
November 8th, 1833.

SIR,—By desire of the President I transmit to you the enclosed copy of a circular to the Lectures recognised by this College.—I am, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,
EDM. BELFOUR, Sec.
[Circular.]

“Royal College of Surgeons in London,
31st October, 1833.

“SIR,—I am directed by the Court of Examiners to acquaint you that certificates of attendance on lectures have been offered to the Court, in order to entitle the candidates to examination for the diploma of this college, which certificates the Court are fully satisfied were obtained under false pretences.

“I am further directed to request you will inform the students composing your class, of the extreme dissatisfaction and regret with which the Court have made this discovery, and that you will assure them the Court will in future punish, with the utmost severity the law admits, all persons who may be implicated in a similar offence.—I am, Sir,

“Your most obedient,
“Humble servant,

“SECRETARY.”

CORRESPONDENTS.

Amicus.—The subject is under consideration, but the vulgar names in use are so different in different parts even of this country, that it will be for the most part impracticable to act on the suggestion. The difficulties of the general reader will necessarily decrease as the scale of organization is ascended.

The admissions or denials of an anonymous writer cannot have the least value, and with these, half the letter of *W. S.* is occupied. Moreover, if the answers to many of his questions are so obvious, there can be no occasion to print them. Dr. T. defends no monopoly. He states a fact. He would not, we are sure, attempt to remove the evil by reinstituting the monopoly. *W. S.* does not understand the Doctor's views. Let us have facts on this subject. To arguments there would be no end.

The communication of *Mr. Furley* came too late to be noticed farther this week.

G.—The linen-draper doctor is not worth half a yard of his father's calico. Should he become troublesome, we shall know how to dispose of him.

The letter of *Z. Z.* has been forwarded to our reporter. It is quite clear that there must be some mistake.

The letter of *Veritas* came too late for this week's Number.

ERRATUM.—No, 531, leader, in page 222, line 22, for we have read he has.