ERRATA IN NEW EDITION OF THE PHARMACOPŒIA.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR:—May I beg that you will insert, in the next number of your journal, the following correction of a very palpable error in the formula for the extemporaneous preparation of hydrocyanic acid introduced into the new edition of *Pharmacopœia Londinensis*? I am indebted for its detection to Mr. Thomas Henry, operative chemist, of Great Ormond-street. I remain, sir, your obedient servant,

C. H.

Dec. 24th, 1836.

CORRIGENDA.

In 8vo., p. 50, l. 21,—in 32mo., p. 61, l. 9:—*pro granis novem cum semisse, lege gr. 48.5.*

In 8vo., p. 50, ll. 22, 3,—in 32mo., p. 61, l. 11:—*pro Acidi Hydrochlorici diluti minimis novem, lege Acidi Hydrochlorici gr. 39.5*

To the Editor.—SIR:—With reference to some remarks which appeared in your journal of the 24th instant, I beg leave to remark, that the Lecturers in Aldersgate-street have been in the habit of furnishing the Medical Gazette and THE LANCET for the benefit of the Library attached to the School, but as the covers have been constantly torn, and the journals otherwise mutilated, it was deemed advisable to suspend them both for a short time, with a view to prevent such wanton mischief taking place in future. Your remarks were consequently incorrect that THE LANCET had been discontinued while the Gazette would still be taken in. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

ALFRED JOHN SIMS,

Secretary to the Aldersgate Medical Society.
7, Crescent-place, New Bridge-street,
27th Dec., 1836.

CLINIC AT GUY'S.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR:—The notice in your valuable journal concerning the want of clinical lecturers at *Guy's Hospital* has drawn some sort of explanation from Mr. Key, who made the following statement on Tuesday evening to his surgery class. He said, that in the morning of that day, as he was riding in his carriage with one of his colleagues, the latter mentioned to him that something was stated in one of the medical journals about his (Mr. Key's) never giving clinical lectures at the Hospital. Now he (Mr. Key) would confess that he had not given a clinical lecture for six years, as he had left the delivery of them to Mr. B. Cooper and Mr. Morgan, because he thought that, being the lecturer

upon surgery at the Hospital, it would be time lost were he to deliver lectures at the bed-side; but that if any gentleman had questions to ask him in the wards, he should be most happy to answer them. All the clinical lectures that have been given at *Guy's* this season are these:—Mr. Cooper has given *three*, and Mr. Morgan *one*! It was posted that Mr. Morgan would deliver a second, on the 9th of November; but that being Lord Mayor's Day (Mr. Morgan, probably, going to see the show) it was deferred until further notice; and from that hour to this nothing has been heard of the anticipated lecture. This is the way that the "CLINICAL LECTURES ARE DELIVERED AT GUY'S." (See PROSPECTUS of the Hospital Practice and Lectures issued in the month of September last, to the "Novices, green and fresh from the country.") I hope you will interfere for us, for it is quite true that the promises of the lecturers, in this respect, have been altogether forfeited. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

A STUDENT AT GUY'S.

Wednesday morning, Dec. 13.

NORTH LONDON HOSPITAL.

NÆVUS MATERNUS.—NEW SURGICAL PROCEEDING.

A. W., aged 20 months, was admitted on Nov. 2nd, under the care of Mr. LISTON. A few days after the child's birth, the parents perceived a small nævus, of a reddish colour, and of about the size of a grain of wheat, situated close to the left ala of the nose. At the age of six weeks it had nearly doubled its original size. It was then taken up with a hook, and tied. It sloughed out at the end of a week, was poulticed, and healed, leaving a slight scar. About a fortnight after this it began to grow, and then more rapidly than before. Four months after the operation the child was vaccinated, but this had no effect upon the tumour; it continued increasing, and was again tied with the same unsuccessful result. The opinions of many practitioners, both in private practice and at hospitals, were sought, but only very little hope was held out of a cure being effected, for much danger seemed to be apprehended from the operations contemplated upon it. It was now treated by a physician with some ointment, but this also had no effect, and the tumour has continued to increase up to the present period, and has attained the size of a pigeon's egg, compressible, discoloured, and speedily filling on the removal of pressure.

Nov. 7. Mr. LISTON, before operating to-day, remarked, that this was rather a difficult case to deal with as might be gathered from its history, but he hoped to be able to