live in the house, and the same person who was ordered by the Doctor to "sit down and hold his tongue." He pledges himself to the accuracy of the words ascribed to Dr. Collins in the above singular interview. The cases referred to in the paragraph marked (+), were, the one in which he was personally concerned, and another that occurred a few days afterwards, to which three pupils, who assisted, were refused admission. The allusion in the sentence (§), is to a case in which Mr. Colles, who is surgeon to the establishment, was called in, and though had we then known the nature of it, (a case of imperforate vagina,) we should never have asked to be admitted; yet it was too bad to be excluded by a nurse of the house in so insolent a manner, and never until the meeting have an explanation given to us by the master.

I have put you, now, I believe, in full possession of the particulars of this business. I send you the resolutions passed at a meeting of the pupils the day but one after their interview with the Doctor. The last of them is in reference to what he himself said when they were leaving the room: "Very well, Gentlemen, you have not heard the last of this." Nothing, however, has since transpired on his part. We expected he would say something on recommencing his lectures in July, but not a syllable did he utter. No improvement in the Hospital has taken place. His lectures, which, in fact, are only detached papers of his uncle, Dr. Clarke, (formerly a master of the hospital,) together with some compilations of his own, tacked together in miserable English, will form part of the subject of my next paper. The situation is worth from 1600*l.* to 1800*l.* a year for seven years.

"At a meeting of the pupils of the Lying-in Hospital, Dublin, held on Wednesday, June 20th, 1827, James Swanzy, Esq. in the Chair, Richard Hewson, Esq. secretary,

"*Resolved*,—That in presenting the address to Dr. Collins, we were influenced by no other motives than those of respect towards him, and an anxious wish for our own improvement.

"That we pronounce the assertion of our having been influenced by feelings of hostility towards Dr. Collins in getting up the address, and of having held out threats for the purpose of obtaining signatures, totally false.

"That conceiving our conduct cannot in the slightest degree have offended Dr. Collins, we deem an apology on our part quite uncalled for.

"That we view with indignation the conduct of those persons who, having affixed their names to the address, afterwards, as we

have been informed, made most abject apologies.

"That the thanks of the meeting are justly due, and hereby given, to Mr. Cheetam, for his spirited and gentlemanlike defence of our address (at a meeting of the pupils convened by Dr. Collins) as far as he was permitted to proceed.

"That, in consequence of some circumstances that have occurred subsequent to the meeting, we will defer any other proceedings until after Dr. Collins's introductory lecture, when we hope he will lay down a new and better system to be pursued in this hitherto neglected institution."

TWO CASES OF FRACTURED VERTEBRÆ.

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CASE 1.

WM. ASH, about 30 years of age, on the 7th of July, whilst in the act of pitching hay from a wagon to a rick, fell backwards over the side of the wagon, a height of about eight feet. I was sent for immediately, and found him complaining of pain in the back of the neck, about the 5th and 6th cervical vertebræ, which was much increased by any motion or pressure; completely paralysed in all his limbs, the surface cold, and pulse sunk to 50. Violent reaction took place in about two hours after the accident, when I bled him. He was perfectly sensible up to the time of his death, which occurred in twenty hours from the receipt of the injury. The urine was retained, requiring the catheter to be passed; but he had no involuntary discharge of fœces, nor any erection of the penis.

I regret to say, that the friends would not allow any post-mortem examination to be made.

CASE 2.

Robert Dommett, about 50 years of age, a very stout heavy man, in returning to his house, in the parish of Northleigh, from a parish meeting, where he had drank rather freely, walked over a precipitous bank, over which the path lay, and fell about ten feet, and most probably on his head, as when found, he was laying on his back with his feet from the bank, quite dead.

I was called to attend on the coroner's inquest, and on laying bare the cervical vertebræ, found the 5th and 6th completely shattered, and the spinal marrow lacerated by the fragments of bone.

Honiton, Sept. 11th, 1827.