assistance freely extended to all who possess sufficient integrity to sacrifice *every feeling of self-interest*, in order to undeceive the people, and hold to merited contempt such ignorant men as presume to live by, and, at the same time deride, the credulity of mankind. Were this exposure more frequently resorted to, and no indulgence given or expected, men of integrity only would soon be found to fill the profession. Real knowledge and education should become more indispensable qualifications for a successful practice, than the diploma of a Royal College of Surgeons. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

M. W. HENRY.

Wellington Salop, Sept. 1, 1829.

DERBY MEDICAL AND SURGICAL SOCIETY.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—At a general meeting of the physicians and surgeons of this town, recently convened, it was resolved to form a Medical and Surgical Society on the principle of co-operation, for the purpose of promoting the respectability and general interests of the profession.

Amongst the primary objects of the intended Society, the following may be mentioned :—

1. The formation of rules for the guidance of physicians in their professional intercourse with each other, and to establish uniformity of fees.

2. Rules for the guidance of general practitioners in their professional intercourse with each other, and for the regulation of their charges.

3. Rules to be observed in the professional intercourse between physicians and general practitioners. As secretary of this Society, I am instructed by its committee, to solicit from yourself, or from your correspondents, through the medium of your publication, information as to the existence of similar societies, together with the rules by which they are governed; and the suggestions of any gentleman who has given his attention to the subject will be deemed an additional favour. I am, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

JOHN JONES.

Derby, Sept. 22d, 1829.

THE OWL AND THE BATS.

A SERIES of conflicts has lately taken place in Great Windmill Street, between these animals; and from the owl's strength in his beak and talons, it is probable that the next fight will terminate in the complete

defeat of the bats, and their expulsion from the nest of that carnivorous bird. The "little eminent," the "yellow goth," and his groom of the "chambers" and "stone," better known as the "*Lapis Infernalis*" of the Windmill-street, Pharmacopœia, are preparing their wings for a flight to St. George's, in the hope that they may there find a "hole and corner" suited to their dirty propensities.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications received from Mr. F. Wilson—Mr. Dean—Dr. Brenton—Dr. Hope—Mr. Wm. Russell—Mr. Nicholas Comins—Mr. James Boyle—Mr. J. Glennie—Mr. Pitman—Mr. Cradock—Mr. Henry Lindley—Mr. Banks—Mr. Sabine—M. Chardin—Mr. Lodge—Dr. Shaw—Mr. R. Gardner—Mr. Roden—Mr. S. Swinney—Mr. J. Lyster, jun.—Scotus—W. A. W.—A Poor General Practitioner.

To many of our correspondents we must return private answers.

We have not yet been able to read the very long communication of A. B. C.

"A Pupil and a stranger in London." The University possesses many advantages, and the student's comforts and interests are considered in every arrangement. Breakfasts and dinners may be obtained in the "refreshment rooms" of the institution, at a cost of about half-a-guinea a week; cheaper than at the lowest coffee-house. The Middlesex Hospital is nearly the worst in London for students, the rules of the governors not admitting an attendance of more than four hours and a half in each week. St. Bartholomew's is the hospital for the students of the University. It is at some distance, to be sure, but its superior advantages far outweigh that inconvenience.

As O. P. X. must remain in the Borough, in consequence of "domestic circumstances," we advise him to enter to the *Surgical and Medical Practice* of St. Thomas's Hospital, and to the *Surgical Lectures* of Mr. Green. He had better enter to the lectures on Anatomy and Dissections, at the Webb Street School; they have not only the reputation of being better than those of St. Thomas's or Guy's, but are attainable at half the cost, as the charges stand thus: St. Thomas's—*Anatomy and Dissections*, perpetual, 21l. Guy's, the same. Webb Street, *Anatomy and Dissections*, perpetual, 10l. 10s. The attendance of the lecturers in the dissecting-room of the last-named school, is unremitting. We advise pupils, generally, not to enter to hospitals or lectures until after the most mature deliberation.