DR. ELLIOTSON.

AT a full meeting of members of the UNIVERSITY OF LONDON MEDICAL SOCIETY, held on Friday, November 16th, it was proposed and unanimously resolved, that in consequence of the wilful misrepresentations made by the publication called the *Medical Gazette*, of the statements contained in the introductory address of Professor Elliotson, the name of that journal should be struck from the list of periodicals taken in by the Society, and directions be immediately given that its admission to the library and reading-room should be forthwith discontinued.

SUBSCRIPTION FOR HILL, THE PORTER WHO DETECTED THE MURDER OF THE ITALIAN BOY, AND WAS AFTERWARDS TURNED AWAY FROM HIS SITUATION IN KING'S COLLEGE, STRAND, BY THE TEACHERS OF ANATOMY IN THAT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—I am sorry to find that William Hill, mentioned in last week's *LANCET*, is in such deep distress. He was formerly a servant of mine in my Anatomical Theatre, and performed his duty better, I think, than any servant I ever had in that capacity.

My pupils have subscribed a mite for him, which I enclose. I am, Sir, yours very truly,

G. D. DERMOTT.

30, Francis-st., Bedford-sq.,

Nov. 21st, 1832.

Mr. Dermott and pupils.....£1 5 0

[Received one pound five shillings, which Mr. Hill may have on application at our office.—ED. L.]

PRESENT TO DR. DAVIES.

THE lectures on the *Practice of Medicine* delivered by Dr. DAVIES last season at the London Hospital, were attended by between fifty and sixty medical practitioners, to whom, we are informed, they afforded high satisfaction. Thirty-one of these gentlemen, being desirous of offering to Dr. DAVIES some testimonial of their approbation, a deputation waited on the worthy lecturer on the 14th inst., and presented him with a very elegant silver coffee-pot and stand.

WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SOCIETY.

Saturday, Nov. 17th.

DR. SIGMOND in the Chair.

THIS was the third or fourth meeting of the present session, but we have not found that anything has been lost to the profession by the want of a notice of the proceedings of the past evenings. On the present occasion the attendance was small, and the discussion tame, especially when contrasted with the cholera debates of last winter. The place of assembly is the same,—the Museum of Anatomy in Windmill-street. Some agreeable alterations have been introduced in the room, which is now well lighted, and has had the floor matted, and the seats are so arranged that the voice of the president can be heard in all quarters, while he at the same time is in a better position than formerly to command attention. If certain of the speeches were well worth hearing, we should complain of the incorrect idea of the powers of voice which some of the speakers here form, for it not unfrequently happens that the essential passages, if not the whole of a speech, is perfectly unintelligible to a large portion of the assembly.

SULPHUROUS BATHS, ARSENIC, AND OXY-MURIATE OF MERCURY, IN SYPHILIS.

The spirit of discussion was very tardy in its descent on the tongues of the members. At length, however, it alighted on that of

Mr. GREEN, who read a case exhibiting the effect of sulphurous baths in syphilis. The main circumstances were as follows. In 1831, a military gentleman, serving in Ireland, contracted lues venerea, the result of which was a chancre occupying nearly two-thirds of the penis. He was successfully treated with mercury, but in October of the same year secondary symptoms made their appearance, and by the advice of his physician he left Ireland for Harrogate in order to avail himself of the use of the baths. Scarcely, however, had he commenced the use of them when blotches appeared on the whole surface of his body, producing excessive irritability. Upon this he made the best of his way to London, and when he (Mr. G.) saw him, successive continual scabby formations arose, with extensive ulcerations, and dirty discharges from the whole surface of the skin, fetid discharge from the nostrils, severe pains at night, nodes, the original chancre being open. He commenced sulphurous fumigation under his (Mr. G.'s) care, on the 26th Sept., once daily, and the improvement was rapid. In the space of a week a hundred