DR. FORBES AND MR. GUTHRIE.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—In your last Number, Dr. Forbes has stated, in his letter of the 15th of April, that the facts connected with the alteration of the admission ticket for the Westminster Eye Infirmary, “might possibly be known only to Mr. Guthrie and himself,” and from this infers, that the resolution of the Committee attributing incorrectness of statement to himself, may, probably, be founded in error: this seems plausible enough, but *Dr. Forbes well knows it is not true*, as was proved by the following affidavit, which was laid before the Committee, and corroborated in the presence of Dr. Forbes, by the senior pupils attending the Institution at the period in question.

I am, Sir,

Your humble servant,

J. D. TEBBS.

April 29, 1828.

(Copy.)

5, Stafford Place, Pimlico,

March 10, 1828.

My dear Sir,—To the questions you have submitted to me, I beg to give the following answers:

Ques. 1st. At what time did I change my hours of attendance at the Infirmary?

Ans. On the 2d of January, 1827.

Ques. 2d. Did Dr. Forbes make any alteration in the hours of attendance in consequence?

Ans. Yes, from the same date he always came at half past eleven.

Ques. 3d. Were the patients regularly informed of the change?

Ans. For at least a fortnight, (and I feel pretty certain during the whole month of December,) I mentioned it frequently on each Infirmary morning to both patients and pupils, requesting them to disseminate it also, and I have heard you do the same. I likewise, by your order, wrote notices to the same effect, which were pasted on the doors of the waiting rooms, and not removed for some weeks after the alteration.

Ques. 4th. Did you ask me whether any change should be made in the admission letters?

Ans. I perfectly remember asking you what had better be done about them, as we had but recently had a fresh supply (about 500, I think) printed. You replied, “Those need not be wasted; they will do if the word twelve be written in the margin, and ten be erased.” After a few mornings, half past eleven was substituted for twelve, Dr. Forbes having stated that he could not attend at the latter hour, as it would inter-

fere with his other engagements. From the commencement of January till the end of May, when I left the Infirmary, I never failed to make the written alteration, and scarcely a letter was written during that period for any patient but by myself, as the books will testify.

I remain, my dear Sir,

Yours very faithfully,

J. D. TEBBS.

To G. J. Guthrie, Esq.

2, Berkeley Street, Piccadilly.

Middlesex.

I hereby make affidavit that the whole of this letter is true.

J. D. TEBBS.

5, Stafford Place, Pimlico.

Sworn at the Police Office, Great Marlborough Street, this 11th day of March, 1828, before me.

(Signed)

J. E. CONANT.

EDINBURGH VETERINARY SCHOOL.

THE veterinary lectures, by Mr. Dick, under the patronage of the Highland Society of Scotland, being concluded for this session, seven of the practical students presented themselves for examination, on Wednesday last. Several eminent medical gentlemen of this city kindly afforded their aid, in superintending and conducting the business of the day, and, from the mode of examination adopted, they were unanimously enabled to express their high satisfaction at the proficiency of the students, and to recommend them strongly to public favour. Besides the Committee, charged with the superintendence of the Veterinary School, with Mr. Macdonald of Staffa, principal secretary, and Mr. Gordon, assistant-secretary, the following directors and members were present:—Sir John Hope of Pinkie, Bart.; Sir R. K. Dick of Prestonfield, Bart.; Sir David Maxwell of Cardones, Bart.; the very reverend Principal Baird; G. M. Grant, Esq. of Ballindalloch; J. Corse Scott, Esq. of Sinton; Commissioner Ferrier; A. Young, Esq. of Harburn; R. C. Ratray, Esq.; and A. Fergusson, Esq. of Woodhill. Before separating, Mr. Wood, in the name of his professional brethren and himself, took occasion to notice, in very flattering terms, their sense of Mr. Dick's exertions and success in imparting knowledge to his pupils, and their conviction of the immense advantage, which must accrue from such an establishment as the Edinburgh Veterinary School.