

same important subject, and for the satisfaction of our correspondents we may state, that the matter has, we believe, engaged the attention of the committee from the first. It was again discussed at their meeting, on Wednesday evening, and it is understood that the subject will certainly be brought forward at the medical dinner.

**REMEDY FOR THE HOOPING-COUGH.**—Dr. Meyer, of Minden, directs a small blister to be applied over the præcordia; the detached cuticle being removed, the exposed surface is to be sprinkled over with half a grain of morphia, rubbed up with starch. The morphia is to be repeated every evening. The only internal remedy he employed was an emetic. If necessary, the blister may be reapplied every third day. In five cases, the disease was so far diminished in eight days, that no further treatment was considered necessary.—*Rust's Mag.*

**ARSENIC.**—In the third volume of the Philadelphia Medical Museum, a highly interesting case of leprous affection, combined with periodical headach, is related by Dr. J. R. Coxe, in which the value of arsenic was very conspicuous, and in which any excess over fifty drops of Fowler's solution was followed by unpleasant consequences. The case also illustrates the safety of the article, as the patient commenced with twenty drops three times a day, gradually increasing the dose, till, at the end of six weeks, she took fifty drops three times a day, and that for several weeks! For a short time she took sixty drops three times a day, but this disagreed, and she returned to fifty. She took altogether, in the course of somewhat less than four years, between a quart and three pints! The remedy had a beneficial effect on both complaints, which returned, however, from time to time when the medicine was laid aside, but always with diminished intensity.—*Med. and Phy. Jour.*

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

COMMUNICATIONS received from Mr. Gascoyne Phillips—Mr. Farquarson—Mr. J. Haslop—Dr. Richardson—Mr. Barrow—Dr. F. Guiette—Dr. George Hume Weatherhead—Mr. Charles Lane—Mr. J. H. Tucker—Mr. Fowler—Dr. F. Weatherill—Mr. D. O. Edwards—Mr. David Nicholas Bates—Mr. William Heekes Clayton—Mr. William Pickett—A Constant Reader—Investigator—A Surgical Reformer—A Correspondent at Stonehouse—A Governor

of the Derby Infirmary—X—Tyro—Student—An Advocate for Dr. Elliotson's Practice—A Well-Wisher to the LANCET—An Enemy to Imposition—An Old Subscriber.

We received a letter respecting the claims to the foundation of the Medico-Botanical Society last week. When authenticated, it shall be inserted. The publication of Mr. Tucker's letter, would not facilitate the object he has in view.

Can Mr. W. S. favour us with the newspaper, or a copy of the advertisement.

As far as we can judge from the report of Mr. B.'s case, the treatment was judicious; we regret we cannot afford space for its insertion; but indeed its publication, in a practical point of view, could serve no useful purpose.

We shall publish the letter of a *Surgical Reformer* next week, together with such facts on the subject of it as we may be enabled to collect.

We fear we shall not be able to find space for the letter of our intelligent non-medical correspondent Investigator.

THE members of the BAT CLUB have been very uneasy during the past week, and have been endeavouring to discover a cave from which they may exclude our reporter. The night is now fixed, and a report of their proceedings will certainly appear in our next Journal.

## ERRATUM.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—In your notice of the anniversary dinner of the *Aldersgate Street Medical School*, you have done me the honour to insert one or two observations which I made in proposing the health of our respected teacher, Mr. Waller; there is, however, a mistake in the part where I alluded to the operation of transfusion.

What I said was, that in addition to the high estimation in which that gentleman was held by the class, we felt more particularly indebted to him for his having introduced to our notice an operation, which, as a remedy in one of the most appalling scenes, that can be presented to the medical practitioner, was invaluable. The operation itself being easily performed, could not be considered appalling: it was the situation of the patient, when that operation becomes necessary, to which I alluded.

Trusting you will, with your usual kindness, give this a place in your valuable publication,

I remain,

Your most humble and obedient Servant,

CHARLES EDWARD BLAIR.

12, Queen Street, Northampton Square.

March 2d, 1830.