

as the science they profess, and as the public interest require.”

“(By order of the Council.)

“LEONARD HORNER, *Warden*.

“University of London,

“April 24, 1830.”

We fear there is something wrong in the management of the pecuniary affairs of the University; and as we have, at different times, said much on the subject of this Institution, we feel it our duty to insert the following letter, addressed last week by Mr. HUME to the editor of one of the daily papers:—

“Bryanstone Square, April 15.

“MY DEAR SIR,—I request you will state to the Council, at its first meeting, my wish to have my name withdrawn from the list, as it is not my intention to attend their deliberations in future. I wish to give no offence in stating, that the wide difference of opinion between the majority of the Council and myself, as to the expenses of the University, is the cause of my withdrawing, as I am unwilling to appear to sanction measures which, if persevered in, will, I fear, bring ruin upon the institution.

“I remain yours, sincerely,

“JOSEPH HUME.

“To Leonard Horner, Esq., Warden of the London University.”

LONDON MEDICAL SOCIETY.

FOTHERGILIAN PRIZE.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—Allow me, through the medium of your Journal, to put two questions to the Registrar of the London Medical Society.

In the advertisement of the Society, inserted last year in *The Times*, respecting the Fothergilian Prize, it was stated that the medal should be adjudged to the successful candidate at the meeting previous to the celebration of the anniversary, and that it should be presented to him by the President at the annual feast. The first question, therefore, I would ask the Registrar is, why has not this promise been fulfilled, and why have the candidates as yet heard nothing of it?

Secondly, will he be so good, if it be not too much trouble, to inform the *medical* public, through the pages of your universally-circulated Journal, what is the subject proposed for this year's prize? It does appear to me very strange, that such a notice as the above should be inserted in a newspaper amidst a crowd of advertisements for

“Board and Lodging,” “Washing done,” “Apartments to Let,” &c. &c.

Mr. Editor, one question to you. Will you have the goodness to look into the business of this prize, and the principles of its adjudication? you will, by so doing, very much oblige

A CANDIDATE FOR THE LAST
YEAR'S PRIZE.

London, May, 1830.

ABUSES AT ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—I am obliged to “A Pupil” for his letter in No. 347 of *THE LANCET*. He has briefly, but sufficiently, exposed the source of part of the abuses to which I endeavoured to call attention. Mr. Nash, *the steward*, not only neglects his duties, but, like many other *subordinates* in public institutions, conducts himself with an air of indecorous and presumptuous authority. He, *the steward*, forsooth, “should not allow” what is ordered by a physician! This is a cheering and encouraging prospect for patients, and highly complimentary to the good taste and proper feeling of those, whose influence this *servant* of St. Thomas's should feel, if he does not respect. I can, and do fully appreciate Dr. Elliotson's dignified and charitable forbearance. I trust it is not misapplied, and that it will operate as it ought. Perhaps some of Mr. Green's pupils could afford light as to the quarter whence arose disobedience to his orders.

It is my belief (and I have some knowledge of hospitals and dispensaries, both in this metropolis and Edinburgh) that the irregularity and carelessness of the medical officers of public institutions, are but too often copied by their inferiors. A little Lancetizing may remove, or at least diminish, the plethora of importance and power assumed by these gentlemen. With the sole desire of promoting all salutary reforms in our hospitals, I address you.

AN INVALID

Subscriber to *THE LANCET*.

London, May 6th, 1830.

ERRATUM.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—In your last number, the entire meaning of my communication is obscured by an error of the compositor. I have, therefore, to request its readers to substitute the word *risking* for “*resigning*.”

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

JAMES SCOTT.

May 17th, 1830.