

brought in a verdict against the three blackmailers. They also added a rider expressing their conviction that the vile plot could never have been possible but for the acceptance of the prisoners' immoral advertisements by a section of the press, religious and secular. The jury were also of opinion that means should be found to suppress such advertisements, and the institutions from which they emanated—a recommendation which the Judge said he would send to the Home Secretary. Two of the prisoners were sentenced to twelve years each of penal servitude, while the third was sentenced to seven years.

The London *Lancet* has recently investigated the nature of two of these nostrums used for the purpose of procuring abortions. It says that in one savine appeared to be the active constituent of the pills, while in the other the liquid was a mixture of senna and rue tea. The letters from the *Lancet* to purchase the nostrums were so written as to leave no possible doubt in the vendor's mind that the purpose for which the purchase was being made was the induction of abortion. The *Lancet* says: "If any one should find in our conduct here matter for unfavorable comment on the ground that we have tempted Mr. Thomas Ottey to sin, we have to say that we found in him so willing an accomplice that we can hardly have been his seducers, and, secondly, that it is useless to fight a certain sort of stink with rose water."

POST-GRADUATE WORK IN LONDON.

Arrangements have recently been made in London which give Canadians and Americans improved facilities for post-graduate work. Dr. William Murrell gives some details concerning the new regulations which relate to such work, in the *Medical Brief*, January, 1899. Any Canadian or American physician can attend the practice of nine hospitals in London for three months on payment of a fee of seven guineas (\$37). He can attend the same for six months for a fee of ten guineas (\$52). Cards of admission can be obtained from the Secretary, Metropolitan Medical Schools office, West Wing, Examination Hall, Victoria Embankment, London, W.C. These tickets allow the holders full admission for all varie-