

loss of time in attending them in this country, which will be the means of draining students from all parts of the Province, for education in a school with a European reputation; when these matters are more prominently set forth before them. I feel I am doing a service of no ordinary kind to the Canadian profession, in drawing their attention to these matters, which if too late in life to take advantage of for themselves, they may one day look for their sons; as the age of candidates, more especially for the East India Service must not exceed 26 years.

In your January number I observe some remarks by Dr. Niemeier on the case of *spina bifida* or *hydro-rachitis*, which I reported in your November number. I hope his feelings will not be hurt when I again repeat, that pressure upon the child's tumour even pretty firmly, very strongly and continually made, did not affect the cerebral functions, and was an *a priori* reason, that the opening of communication between the cyst and spinal cord was very small, and an operation justifiable. It would be foreign to my purpose to enter into a controversy upon this subject, but I hope some one of your numerous readers will contribute a paper upon what is a very interesting disease.

I did intend to say something about Hospital Reports but as the subject of this letter, which was intended to be short has grown upon me, I must defer till my next, if not off myself to the Crimea with hosts of others.

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HOSPITAL REPORTS.

UNIVERSITY LYING IN HOSPITAL.

(REPORTED BY MR. ALEXANDER H. KOLLMYER.)

Compound presentation of funis, occiput, left hand and right foot, and left side.—Presentations of the funis with other portions of the body are not rare, but the foregoing complication appears unique, and therefore deserving a corner in the Medical Chronicle.

Bridget B., æt 28, married, strong, and healthy, applied for admission into the University Lying in Hospital in March last. She was admitted although some time in advance of her accouchement, as she agreed to make herself generally useful in household duties. The present is her fourth pregnancy, nothing untoward having occurred in the previous ones.

Labour supervened about 10 A.M., on the morning of 10th inst. And having been summoned, I found, on examination, the os uteri thick,