

The trial of Miss Jex-Blake took place last week. The Court-room was crowded, the number of ladies being quite as great if not greater than that of gentlemen present. Most of the female students were also there, numbering about a dozen. At a meeting of the managers of the Royal Infirmary, when the question of admitting ladies was discussed, Miss Jex-Blake said that Professor Christison's class-assistant was one of the leaders of the disturbance before mentioned, and had used foul language towards them, which could only be excused on the supposition that he was intoxicated. It was this speech of hers which led to the action, which occupied the Court for two days. Miss Jex Blake did not make any apology, or withdraw any part of her statement.

Very many witnesses were examined on either side. The counsel for Miss Jex-Blake did not try to prove what she had said to be true, it was therefore taken for granted that she allowed it was false. The witnesses all having been examined, the jury retired for about an hour, when they unanimously agreed in rendering the verdict against the lady, and awarding the gentleman one farthing damages. This carries with it the expenses of the action, which amount, I believe, to about a thousand pounds.

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(To the Editor of the *Canada Lancet*.)

DEAR SIR,—For the information of others as well as myself that are striving to attain to as high medical proficiency as possible, practically as well as theoretically, I would ask what are the privileges that should be accorded in the office of a medical practitioner to students that have attended one or more sessions at College, and also to those that have not yet attended College? I am sorry to say that it is too often the practice with medical men who have students under instruction, to make mere tools of them in place of instructing them practically as they should. The little instruction we receive in a doctor's office (except to do errands and keep the office clean) conveys to our minds the idea that they are afraid to make us acquainted with those valu-