

bearing evidence of his having fallen on this part of the head). On reflecting the scalp, it was found to be deeply ecchymosed over this part, and when the calvarium was removed, the membranes and brain substance were found much congested on the side struck; but more especially on the opposite one. The middle meningeal artery was ruptured, as likewise the tympanum. A fracture extended from the centre of the superior border of the squamous portion of the temporal bone downwards through the meatus auditorius externus posterior to the styloid process into the foramen lacerum posterius. On the interior of the skull, it could be traced through the petrous portion into the foramen lacerum anterius.

Leaving the readers of this case to draw their own deduction, I would add a short note bearing upon the sign hemorrhage, from a case * happening the day after the one related.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of the CANADA LANCET.

SIR,—In looking over the columns of the May number of your valuable and much sought after Journal, we were surprised, as well as grieved, at some of the unjust statements made by your correspondent over the signature of one who arrogates to himself the title of "One Who Knows."

In reference to his "seeking not to raise one institution by lowering another" we will leave your intelligent readers to judge whether he has not *thus* completely ignored the introductory part of his letter, and allowed his natural proclivities to overcome his better judgment, and fallen into the very error which he intended to avoid.

It is not our purpose in this letter to answer the invidious remarks of your correspondent, concerning some of the medical staff of this hospital, as we are quite confident that the reputation of the gentlemen to whom he has referred, are already too well established to be in any way affected by the adverse criticism of your correspondent. His equally un-called-for assertions regarding the "ac-

* A man aged forty, fell from the upright position forwards, prone upon the ground, striking upon his chin. He bled freely from his left ear, (he says half a gallon). His injuries as far as made out, besides a cut on the mental protuberance and tenderness in and about the articulation of the inferior maxilla on the left side, were rupture of the membrana tympani, followed by deafness on the same side. He has recovered without any bad symptoms.

commodation, crippled finances, &c.," of an institution, which has been the home of a greater number of our Canadian medical brethren, than any other hospital in the great metropolis, need only be mentioned to be despised. But we cannot put aside the impression that your correspondent has thrown the gauntlet to the Canadian students of St. Thomas's Hospital to deny the charges and statements made by him; and we most cheerfully take it up, and embrace the earliest opportunity, with your kind permission, to establish by incontrovertible facts the unjust and incorrect statements of your unknown, though knowing? correspondent. Of the correctness of such facts, your correspondent can fully satisfy himself by referring to the books of the St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School, applying either to the Librarian or Registrar. In doing so, we wish it to be distinctly understood, that we have none other than the most friendly feelings towards all the hospitals of this great city; and of the kindness to us of the various medical staffs, we cannot but speak in the highest terms of praise. During the last twelve months the following appointments have been held by Canadians: 5 obstetric clerks, 5 out-door dressers, 7 in-patient clinical clerks, 3 in-patient dressers. And the appointment of Resident Accoucheur, and that of Surgical Registrar, has each been held by Canadians during that time. Few, if any, have been refused the appointments for which they applied. We leave it to your readers to determine whether your correspondent "One Who Knows," was correct when he states, "I know as a fact, that it is exceptional for Canadian students to become in-patient dressers, &c."

In regard to the random statements concerning obstetric clerks, attending 50 maternity cases, in the short space of two weeks, we agree with your correspondent that it is "exceptional," and we think that *they* are still more exceptional who would undertake such a wholesale practice of midwifery, and expect to do justice to their patients—remembering that these patients have to be attended at their homes.

As St. Thomas's has been the first metropolitan hospital to open its doors to Canadian graduates, at a reduced fee, we consider it a very uncourteous act on the part of your correspondent to speak so disparagingly of either the institution, or its medical or surgical staff.

Signed on behalf of the Canadian graduates,

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St. Thomas's Hospital,
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