

have rescinded all the laws admitting women, so that no more can enter, but they made the offer to those who had already commenced their studies, to allow them to pursue them till they had finished, but this the present lady students would not accept, as they said they were fighting the cause for lady students in general, and not simply for themselves. Such being the case, nothing will be left to them but to remain out in the cold, as they cannot attend the Medical School in connection with the Royal College of Surgeons. The University certainly acted very injudiciously in admitting them without thoroughly looking into the matter, afterwards to find that they had acted illegally in doing so, according to their charter.

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(To the Editor of the "Lancet.")

SIR,—

According to promise I send you some cases similar to my last, headed "Wrong Diagnosis," which have come under my observation. Case I.—James —, æt. 48, of strong muscular habit (blacksmith) was attacked with extensive Lumbar Abscess this summer, caused by shoeing a restless timid horse. He had been seven weeks confined to bed, attended by a medical man during that time who treated him for Intermittent fever until about ten days previous to my seeing him, prior to which time my son having been called in, pronounced it Lumbar Abscess, but through courtesy to the medical attendant, withheld the particulars from the patient, merely stating that an operation would require to be performed and to send for him in a few days. The patient became suspicious and sent for me. I took away as much as four quarts of matter, relieved him of the depressing symptoms, gave him the necessary nutriment freely and tonics with stimulants, and the use of Iodide of Potassium freely and continuously. He is now well and there are no signs of any return of matter. This case fully demonstrates the necessity of medical men, particularly young practitioners, thoroughly exploring and investigating the cause of symptoms present before giving their decision or prescribing. It has fallen to my lot to see many such cases as above stated, during the past thirty-five years in this locality.