

remarks, which call for this communication, an opportunity of removing any erroneous impressions which he may have made on the public.

Your's truly,

W. H. EVATT, M.D.

Port Hope, March, 23, 1851.

[The foregoing letter was received at a period, two late by far for insertion in the last issue of the journal, having come to hand on the 29th ult. Our observations under the head of "a license faculty in principle," appear to have been most singularly misunderstood by Dr. Evatt.

On referring to the list of Licentiates of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of U.C., we do certainly find Dr. Evatt's name there recorded; and that record is his full and sufficient guarantee for the *practice of Midwifery*: and his *especial license* for that branch was at least a work of supererogation. What we found fault with, is the granting of such licenses by the Medical Board of U.C.; and the sooner the law is altered in regard to the matter the better. With reference to our observations, as they were all levelled against the principle of the Bill, under which these licenses were granted, we have no hesitation whatever in reiterating every remark made in regard to the matter, as we cannot but view the Bill, under which they were accorded, as most "*unprincipled*," and injurious, to the highest degree, in its practical effects upon the profession and the public.—*Ed. B. A. J.*]

To CORRESPONDENTS.—*Dr. Hill's (Bytown,) paper on "Strangulated Hernia," has been received, and will appear in our next.*

Dr. Fenwick's case of Urethral Calculus has been postponed, from press of matter, but will appear in the following number.

Dr. Stuart, (Kingston.) Answer immediately returned. Dr. Beck, (Albany.) Having noticed in letter and Journal of Insanity, the missing numbers have been posted. The notice had attracted our attention only a day before the reception of the letter. The

missing numbers of the Journal of Insanity have come to hand, for which we sincerely thank Dr. B. Letters have also reached us from Dr. Painchaud, (Quebec); Dr. Baker, (Kingston); Dr. Richardson. Their requests are complied with. Dr. Mayrand, (St. Andrew.) Much obliged for prompt reply. Capt. Lefroy, (Toronto.) We will write in a few days. We hope that the missing copies have come to hand. From his silence in his letters, we presume they have.

Books, &c., Received.—Lectures on the Eruptive Fevers, by George Gregory, M.D. First American Edition, with notes, &c., by H. C. Bulkely, M.D. New York: S. S. & W. Wood. 1851.

On the Diseases of Menstruation and Ovarian Inflammation, &c., by Edward John Tilt, M.D. New York: S. S. & W. Wood. 1851.

Transactions of the Medical Society of the State of New York. Albany: 1851.

The Upper Canada Journal of Medical, Surgical and Physical Science. Toronto. Vol. 1, No. 1.

Reduction of Strangulated Hernia in Mass, by George C. Blackman, M.D., &c. New York: John F. Trow. 1851.

OBITUARY.

At 12, Leroy Place, New York, on the 9th April, Professor John B. Beck, aged 56.

The deceased was early distinguished for great talents and application. In 1813, he graduated in arts in Columbia College, with great distinction at the head of his class. In 1817, he graduated in medicine, to obtain which he defended a masterly thesis on infanticide, which afterwards expanded into the elaborate dissertation on the subject,—which forms so valuable a chapter in his elder brother's great work on "Medical Jurisprudence." He immediately commenced practice in New York, in 1822; became one of the editors of the "New York Medical and Physical Journal," and published many valuable papers, particularly one on the yellow fever that had lately ravaged the city.

In 1826, he was appointed Professor of *Materia Medica* and Botany in the