

FEES FOR M.B. DEGREE AT CAMBRIDGE.—SIR: In the answers to correspondents in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, under the head of "Cambridge University", amongst other very available information, I find "The fees for the M.B. degree are eleven guineas."

Possibly, these may be the University fees; but in addition to these, I find on reference to the *Calendar*, that the fees at the different Colleges for the M.B. degree vary from £5 to £16:9 in addition. On referring to my account, I find that my fees were for M.B. (1861.)

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Unless the fees are very much reduced since the above date, the statement referred to might create a wrong impression on intend-ing graduates.

I am, etc.,

June 27th, 1864.

M.B.CANTAB.

[Since 1861, the fee of £7 payable to the Regius Professor on keeping the "Act", has been abolished, and a fee of £3:3 has been fixed as payable to the Professor at the first M.B. examination. The fees for M.B. degree, therefore, now are:

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If the candidate for M.B. be already B.A. (as is commonly the case), the fee payable to the University is only £2, and therefore the sum of his *academical* fees for M.B. degree is £5:2. But, in addition to these, there are fees payable to the College to which the candidate belongs, and which vary in amount in the different Colleges from £1 to £16:9. EDITOR.]

F.R.—None but the most determined of blunderers could misread the plain meaning of our words. Of course, we spoke only of those Committees of the College to which the three junior Councillors were summoned. We neither said nor inferred anything so stupid as that there were no other Committees of the College.

THE "VIVISECTION" PRIZE.—SIR: Having had my attention called to an article in one of your recent numbers, headed "Vivisection and Torture Traps", I beg to inform you that the terms in which the offer of a prize for the best essay on vivisection, will be advertised by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, are as follows.

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We have not contended, and do not now contend, that in no single instance is it lawful to perform an experiment upon animals. What we do say is this—that inasmuch as that experiment tortures an animal whose life and happiness are, like ours, the gift of God, you are bound to show good and sufficient cause and justification before you practise such experiment. That is our case. Pray don't overlook that our advertisement asks questions, without intimating we want answers on one side only.

I am, etc., JNO. CORNELL, Secretary,
12, Pall Mall, S.W., 21st June, 1864.

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I am, etc., ROBERT FOWLER, M.D.,
Treasurer and Hon. Sec.
145, Bishopsgate Street Without, July 6th, 1864.

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BOOKS RECEIVED.

1. The Principles and Practice of Medicine. By John Peet, M.D. London and Bombay: 1864.
2. Guide in the Sick Room. By R. Barwell. London and Cambridge: 1864.

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