

their knowledge and skill in a thousand different channels. I conceive that it should be the object of a parliamentary committee to inquire into the present state of the funds of existing hospitals, and on finding—as they unquestionably will—that they are utterly inadequate to the wants of the public and of the schools, to devise some means for supplementing them to the extent required. It should further be a matter for enquiry, whether the profession in the various cities where the hospitals are located; should not have a voice in the appointment of the medical officers, and that these should be employed according to some system of relation for the discharge of their important duties, thus affording an excellent opportunity for giving to the most promising young members of the profession the benefit to be acquired by hospital practice, and opening the road to eminence by allowing unpatronized talent to make its way before the public. Eminent practitioners in advanced life, whose services have been appreciated, who have had their day, should be retained as consulting officers, and as such would do good service after their retirement. Under this improved regime we should have an opportunity of opening wards for the professors of the homœopathic and eclectic doctrine, and of thus affording them the best possible chance for proving their oft-repeated assertions of the superiority of their therapeutics over ours.

Such a concession made freely, and not in the Brabantio style of—

“ We here do give you with all our heart,
Which, but you have already, with all our heart,
We would keep from you.”

would surely be held by the honest believers in these doctrines as a great boon, for as figures cannot lie, they would be thus afforded the opportunity of proving to a mathematical demonstration that, under their treatment, the death rate was less than under the Allopathic.

To place the profession in a position which would render trickery a less tempting adjunct to success in practice, I would even venture to suggest that the system of medical education in the future should be common and compulsory on all, that at every school there should be a teacher of homœopathy and eclecticism, and attendance upon a certain number of lectures on