

DR. BUSHMAN WRITES AS FOLLOWS, IN THE *MEDICAL TIMES*.

"Our présent *successful* plan of cure—for this undoubtedly cannot be made the subject of a difference of opinion—is, I apprehend, due to our general *non-interference* with the course of nature in the succession of morbid actions, save—and then only—when we see them running on rapidly to a fatal result. The modern triumph of our art is more in the happy forbearance exemplified in our *negative* treatment than in the positive success of any heroic remedy. By not obeying that almost instinctive impulse that urges us to interfere with the progress of natural, though morbid actions—by eschewing the *nimia diligentia Medici*—and by having, above all, enforced a most strict system of hygiene, I think the science of medicine has attained the present *high place* it holds among the beneficial arts of life."

Brief Translation of the foregoing.—A long illness, a long attendance, and a long bill. By and bye men may possibly be found willing to pay for competence and speedy cure ; meanwhile

"— opinion, an omnipotence, whose veil
Mantles the earth with darkness, until right
And wrong are accidents ; and men grow pale
Lest their own judgment should become too bright."

RARE CASE OF "OPEN CONFESSION."

A physician of Chicago, in filling up a certificate of death, has, possibly through inadvertence written his name in the space reserved for "Causes of Death."

"To abandon usurped power, to renounce lucrative error, are sacrifices which the virtue of *individuals* has on some occasions offered to Truth ; but from any *society of men*, no such effort can be expected. Reformation never proceeds from themselves, but is always forced on them by some foreign hand."—(*Robertson's History of Scotland.*)

When a doctor is caught digging up a corpse, they put him in prison. It seems hard to punish a man for digging where he planted.—(From *The World.*)

THE DOCTORS AND THE UNDERTAKERS.

To the Editor of the *Chrono-Thermalist*.

SIR,—You evidently think it wrong in medical men to take per-centage from Undertakers for the recommendation of a funeral ; and you also think it wrong to have "an understanding with the Druggist and with each other." Why sir, the practice in all these cases is *universal*. The custom has been settled for ages—business is business, and every man of sense will make the most he can of his calling. You sir ; and the Editor of *The Times* may say or do what you please, the Profession is too strong for you. If the Medical man cannot recommend the undertaker, the nurse *would*—and she *does* sometimes, contrary to all *etiquette*. As to "recommending Chemists and themselves," do not Barristers and Attorneys do the same ? You talk about Medical Ethics—Medical Ethics indeed ! When a medical man can get THIRTY per-cent. for recommending a rich man's funeral, do you think he will allow you, or your friend the Editor of *The Times* to chouce him out of it ; We are too strong for you, Mr. Chrono-Thermalist ! Yours, A PHYSICIAN.

When the people cease to brag about enlightenment, and become enlightened, it may be that the "strength" of Physicians of the unguaranteed order will decrease.—ED.