

the examiners, you would only let such individuals pass the medical board as might please you? Did you not also say, that to accomplish this plan the more effectually, (doubtless to save appearances,) you would examine such candidates as you thought proper, (such, peradventure, as had not studied at the hospital) in *Latin*, knowing how few there are who are sufficiently versed in that language to be capable of readily answering the interrogatories put to them? Did not you say, that there were too many "*docteurs*," and that, in future, the number licensed should be very small?

I call upon you, sir, to deny these assertions. I shall wait for your answer, and may then start a few more knotty points, for your solution.

Another of these gentlemen promised a certain *octogenarian* colonel of militia, that he would, in consideration of his being the medical attendant of the colonel's family, "pass" his son-in-law, a certain half-pay captain, after he had studied at the hospital *two whole years*, and had attended his lectures! Is this *justice*, most *worshipful* doctor?

I ask, are such conduct and professions what ought to be expected from men, who, with equal truth and modesty, have publicly asserted, that they were, by their labours, to stamp a new era on the medical history of this country?

Your silence, gentlemen, will convince the world of the truth of these allegations. But, if not entirely guilty of what is here advanced, you owe it to yourselves and to the public, to prove what is false. However, let me caution you, as you respect your own consequence, and the impressions you would wish to make on the world, to be very guarded in what you reply, lest I should, in a rejoinder, inform the public of things which you fondly hope none but your fraternity are acquainted with.

I have thrown the gauntlet, gentlemen, and you are quite at liberty to take it up.

PLAIN TRUTH.

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Sir,—In consequence of the very irregular manner in which I receive the Free Press, I was ignorant that any answer had been made to my communication relative to the medical officers of the Montreal general hospital, till this morning,* when

* My correspondent states that he is one of my subscribers; if so, the irregularity he mentions in receiving the Free Press, can only arise from his not having given a proper address, as I direct them all myself, and send by post, such as are not to be delivered in Montreal. He also has not dated any of his letters, which I regret, and beg to say, generally, to my contributors, that it will oblige me, if they will always put a date to their communications.

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