

gentlemen he alludes to ; and for this his audacity ought to be punished, as it casts a reflection on the sense and justice of the governor, by supposing that he would, contrary to all right and justice, promote to the honourable situation of board of examiners, people concerning whom he had not received certain proofs of their being capable of filling the responsible situation in which he has placed them.* Thirdly he says, "it would be well if they would pursue other avocations more suitable to their genius, and, to exercise the little knowledge they possess in endeavouring to alleviate the miseries of mankind." In what could they employ "the little knowledge they possess," better than in obeying the dictates of humanity by endeavouring to preserve from disease those who can not afford to pay for medical assistance. Fourthly, he has advised them to sink into obscurity again. To effect this it will require a stronger exhortation than that of a Jonah. The gentlemen whom he addresses are too much influenced by patriotic considerations, to heed this flimsy preacher any farther than to laugh at his folly, and divert themselves with his endeavours to arrest the good they are dispensing to their poor neighbours. (Here follow some personal observations respecting some of the public lecturers on medical subjects in Montreal which have no bearing whatever upon the general question.) As to his statement of the origin of the medical institution, it is unnecessary to say that the fame of its founders will be transmitted to posterity without the labours of a Jonah. As he has threatened in a woful manner the fabric which is so much the object of his dislike, he will never fail to meet with opposition from,

ADVERSARIUS.

I will only say, respecting the preceding letters, as I have said on a former occasion, *valeant quantum valere possunt.*

L. M.

N. B. A few prospective observations on various subjects, to which the motto principally alludes, have been left out for want of room.

* By the same rule, the appointment of no public men, nor their fitness or unfitness for the stations to which they are nominated, ought to be canvassed ; at least not censured ; whatever Cæsar Augustus does, must, according to this writer, be right, and those who hold that he may be mistaken, or misled by others, ought to be punished for saying so !

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