

Apart from the general value of such observations, those who have been unaccustomed to make them hitherto, will find a very pleasurable occupation in the daily record of facts which, at future periods, may be turned to the advantage of humanity and the elevation of science. We therefore confidently hope that our request will be complied with.

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

THE letter of Mr. Wanless has been inserted because we gave place to his former in answer to *Scrutator*, and this we regard as a reply to *Dr. Going*. At the same time we must request that this bootless and personal controversy be discontinued. It is not fitted for the columns of a newspaper, into which, we regret to perceive, it has found its way, and it is little calculated to interest the profession at large. The fact is patent that the Coroner exercised his own discretion in calling the medical witnesses at this Inquest, whether he be right or wrong is a point to be determined only by another more effective tribunal than professional opinion; the continuance of this correspondence can only be attended with the unpleasant and undesirable effect of widening a breach between neighbouring practitioners, very much to be deplored. Such dissensions only give a greater scope to the malignancy and success of empirics, and tend more than anything else to weaken the position of the legitimate practitioner in public estimation. Our remarks are freely offered, from a strong feeling of regard for all parties concerned, and a desire to prevent the recurrence of such unpleasant misunderstandings.

We thank *Dr. Marsden* for his critique—but he seems to labour under some misapprehension as to the editorial prerogative as well as duty. A communication comes to us bearing the signature of a well-known practitioner—we either accept or reject it—if we publish it we are not therefore bound to review or criticise it, that is the office of those who like to read, and who, like our friend, send us a clever article. The writer whose case is the subject of criticism, is at least entitled to personal credence.

We have to express our earnest desire that communications and letters intended for publication should be sent, the former to arrive here, at the latest, by the 5th of the month, and the latter by the 12th. It very much impedes the arrangement of publication if they are later, and sometimes compels the postponement of what the Editor would otherwise very gladly avail himself of. The publisher will always cheerfully forward a few extra copies of any particular paper on slips, should the author desire it.