

himself, but is influenced in writing these letters by his trust in homeopathy, when judiciously and fairly practised.

From our acquaintance with both parties we feel a confidence in his statements.

Some of our friends are disposed to censure the Editors of this Journal for personal attacks. We can assure them however that we feel a pleasant consciousness for all we have written or said personally thus far. We feel assured that we have done only our duty; and if we expect the community to respect the cause in which we are engaged, we must keep up a well-defined dividing line between homeopathy and empiricism.

And in regard to Dr. Lewis, we have no personal feeling toward him, for our intercourse has been of the most amicable character. But his practice we condemn, as it has a direct tendency to compromise the honor of homeopathy; hence we feel justified, in fact we should feel remiss in duty to our friends who desire *homeopathic treatment* should we pass his conduct by in silence.—Eps.]

THROOPVILLE, N.Y., April 8, 1856.

Editors of the Journal:

So long as there exists in the minds of men a desire for popular applause and personal aggrandizement, so long will there be found those who will sacrifice principle, honor, and integrity, and not scruple to prostitute the noblest of sciences and truths to answer their purposes. Especially is this true of medical science.

Many noble truths have been elicited by the gigantic workings of great minds, but no sooner have they been reduced to successful practice than they are assumed by Quacks and Charlatans, whose arrogance can only be equalled by their

ignorance and audacity; and by these unprincipled men prevented, corrupted, and misapplied, till the public mind becomes disgusted, public confidence is destroyed, and as a natural consequence, the science loses instead of gaining by their efforts.

Besides, such is the nature of medical science that it can only be successfully practised by the same individual, in but one particular locality.

The united experience of all conscientious physicians will sustain me in this assertion. Hence all itinerant doctors should be regarded with distrust, as boastful pretenders, unworthy of public confidence, and obnoxious to the advancement of the science of medicine.

For these reasons was I induced to promise a notice of "Dioclesian Lewis, A.M., M.D.," in my former communication. I am well aware that he who assumes the task of criticizing the motives and actions of another, takes a delicate stand-point.

I am not vain enough to flatter myself that no one will question the motives which have actuated me to undertake the performance of the task. Nevertheless, I regard it as my duty to avail myself of this opportunity to state a few facts in reference to the course that for the past two years has been, and is now being, taken by the party in question; assuring your readers that I have no personal feeling in the matter, that I have no selfish motives in view, nor sinister ends to answer. For it matters not to me personally whether the individual is prospered in his course or not; but, being an ardent admirer of Hahnemann and his teachings, being a student of his great law of cure, I regard it as my duty, as well as the duty of every homeopathist, to guard vigilantly our citadel, to fear-