

Now it is certain that a civil and polite request deserves to be answered in the same spirit.

I received an answer as follows :

Your petition received, etc. Have already received petitions from other parties, which after being read were thrown into the waste-basket and probably yours will share the same fate.

" Nonobstant this entente formelle " in which the Board promised to take into consideration any petition presented to them and act with justice towards the petitioners they formally broke the understanding by resigning our petitions to that fatal place, the waste-basket.

Had I received a civil answer, saying they would take my petition into consideration and consent to my presenting a bill on conditions that I would pass the preliminaries, or repass my finals, I would have accepted, but upon reading the answer I did receive I decided to teach them a lesson which I hope they will bear in mind for any future occasion.

I fought them and won my point and moreover the very member whom they had appointed to oppose my bill was the man who seconded the second reading of the Bill.

Thus did my bill pass through their whiskers.

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ANATOMIE GÉNÉRALE APPLIQUÉE A LA PHYSIOLOGIE ET A LA MÉDECINE, par Xavier BICHAT. *Première partie* : un beau volume in 8°, de 525 pages, bien imprimé, édité à 3 fr. 50. Paris, 1800. Librairie G. Steinheil, rue Casimir-Delavigne, 2.

Cette réédition de l'œuvre de Bichat, dans le cadre de la *Bibliothèque positiviste*, a l'avantage d'être entièrement conforme, quant à l'orthographe, à la ponctuation, etc..., à celle de 1801. Par le soin qui a été porté à son exécution, par son bon marché exceptionnel, elle mérite, comme l'édition similaire de Condorcet, d'être accueillie avec faveur, non seulement par les positivistes des deux Mondes, mais aussi par tous ceux d'entre les médecins et les étudiants, qui estiment, avec raison, qu'aucune lecture de manuels ne saurait remplacer la fréquentation directe des grands esprits auxquels la Biologie est redevable de sa constitution. Tous ceux-là, et ils sont nom-