

ment indeed being, that his doses of medicines were somewhat large. The Faculty having been furnished with positive information that Mr. Pope had avowed his purpose to become a homœopathic practitioner after graduating, it was determined that he should have an opportunity of answering to the charge. The question was put by Dr. Christison, and the following are the very words of the conversation that ensued:—"Well, Mr. Pope, I am satisfied so far with your answers; but there is another point on which I wish to be informed; and as it is best not to beat about the bush, I shall put to you a plain question, in order that I may get a down-right answer. I am told by a colleague that he has been informed on good authority, that it is your intention to become a homœopathic practitioner after you graduate; *after the answers you have this day given me*, I feel bound to say I do not believe it. Am I right?" To which Mr. Pope replied, "I am not now a homœopathist; but, after graduation, I mean to inquire into the truth of it."

Professor Syme then remarked, "Now, Mr. Pope, suppose that this inquiry which you meditate were to confirm your belief in the truth of homœopathy, what would you do with the diploma received from us? would you burn or return it?" "No," replied he, "I would keep it." "For what purpose?" "To show that I had regularly studied." "Studied what?" "Delusions! Fallacies! Nonsense! It would only show that you had mispent four or five years of your life in studying what could not possibly be of any service, according to your own view: and I am sure that on reflection you must see how inconsistent it would be with common honesty or common sense to use a diploma, after ceasing to entertain the principles which were professed in order to obtain it. But recollect, Mr. Pope, I offer this remark to you as a friend, and not as a professor." Mr. Pope then withdrew, and in what remained of his examinations he made a satisfactory appearance, except in medical jurisprudence, in which, as in surgery, he was defective.

The case being a new one, it was referred by the examiners to the whole Medical Faculty for decision. Of the thirteen members, eleven were present. After considering the whole circumstances, the Faculty unanimously resolved—"That serious doubts are entertained as to the soundness of Mr. Pope's principles of prac-

tice; and that on this account, as well as his insufficiency on some subjects of examination, he shall be remitted till the end of July, by which time he will have had ample opportunity of making the inquiry into the truth of homœopathy, which he says he contemplates." This resolution, which admitted of his graduating this year, in the event of his satisfying the Medical Faculty, was communicated to him in conversation by the Dean. Mr. Pope, however, withdrew at once from the list of candidates.

This is a correct narrative of the whole official proceedings. Any thing else that may have been said to the candidate privately by individual professors, could have been said in kindness only, and by them as individuals alone, and is wholly irrelevant.

We must add a single word for the information of distant friends of the University, who may be led to surmise that the misfortune of this young man in some measure justifies the fears expressed in some quarters, lest students may be infected with the delusions of homœopathy while studying at Edinburgh. The Medical Faculty had distinct evidence, which will be produced, if necessary, that when Mr. Pope came to study here three years ago, he avowed that he had practised homœopathy, and came to study for a degree, in order to settle as a homœopathic practitioner; this determination was repeated afterward; and it could neither have been engendered nor strengthened by any instructions received within the walls of the University, for the principles and practice of homœopathy have never been taught there by any professor.—*Monthly Jour. of Medical Sciences.* (The University is now pursuing a course in the right direction, but they should get rid of Professor Henderson.—Ed. B. A. J.)

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