

hold and generously put it into the doctor's pocket, and so took his leave."*

"The recovery of this patient brought many more of the same cast, so that the committees for public levies were seldom without one or other of them, who always, when Dr. Hamey appeared upon their summons thither, feigned some near relative or friend's extreme illness, for which he was immediately dismissed with contentment, as the lawyers say."

Hamey, though, became sly as the Commonwealth grew stronger, "he thought it sometimes necessary to move with the stream and went to hear what he hated—a barber perhaps or a cobbler hold forth; but always took care that his servant should carry for him an Aldus edition of Virgil upon vellum, in binding and bulk resembling an octavo Bible, to entertain himself with; or a duodecimo edition of Aristophanes canonically bound in red turkey leather, with clasps, resembling a Greek testament." Hamey remitted to Charles II. several sums of money, of which the receipts signed by the royal hand are in existence. On the Restoration he returned to the King a valuable relic of Charles I., a diamond ring, which had been plundered from the royal martyr, and for which the giver had to pay £500.

Drs. Archer, Whittaker, Whistler and Fraizer were a bad lot, and well suited to the court they served. Archer encouraged the King in the pursuit of his sensual pleasures. His essay upon the advantages to be derived from intemperate drinking was entitled "The possibility of maintaining life from infancy to old age without sickness by the use of wine." Whistler was a chatty fellow and told a story well. Popsy describes the conversation at a quiet little dinner on 21st November, 1667.

"With Creed to a tavern where Dean Wilkins and others, and good discourse; among the rest, of a man that is a little frantic, that hath been a kind of minister, Dr. Wilkins saying that he hath read for him in his church, that is poor and debauched man, that the College have hired for 20s to have some

* The Gold-Headed Cane.