

his personal respectability and professional acquirements were unobjectionable to the electors. Without entering further into the self-culpatory allegations of a *Veritable M.D.*, I shall merely observe, that it is truly unfortunate that he should have retarded so long in arriving at the conviction that "every one who has sought and obtained an honorable admission to the profession should discountenance every individual who savors in the least degree of quackery and humbug."

Now, to whom, I would fain enquire, should be attributed "the state of things" which this *Veritable M.D.* assumes in his Correspondence, to exist, and moreover, censures the Board of Governors for its laxity and indifference to protect all medical practitioners from the encroachments which are made on those rights and privileges assured to them by the law of the country on their admission to the profession. But is this all? Are these medical practitioners no longer to contribute their exertions and influence, and otherwise evince some interest in preventing these encroachments on their rights and privileges? Are these medical practitioners merely to attend to their patients, and when thwarted by empirics and quacks in their gains, to turn round upon the Board of Governors of the College of Physicians and Surgeons and attack them for not doing that which is also in their power, and even privilege, to arrest, by connecting themselves more closely with that body? Is the Board of Governors to seek out infractors of the law, and thereby expend the small pecuniary means which it has obtained through more zealous members of the profession than *Veritable M.D.'s.*, to bring these delinquents, in their unhallowed pursuits, to justice? Certainly not. The College has already done so in several instances, at very considerable expense; but from the apathy and indifference of members of the profession in supporting the Board of Governors, by becoming members of the College on the payment of the pithy annual subscription of ten shillings; it will, however, reluctantly, for a short period, be under the necessity of abandoning the initiation of proceedings against delinquents.

It is true, as has been already observed, that the highest interests of society are implicated in all that relates to raising the standard of professional education; and it is this consideration more especially, which ought to induce the Government of the country to free us from the obnoxious task of prosecuting for infractions, and to take this important subject under its own immediate and earnest notice.

I am also anxious to impress on the minds of the members of the profession that at no time more than the present, do we require a combined and strenuous effort to be made, in order that the exertions of so many years to advance their interests may not be rendered nugatory.