

A SURGICAL DOORKEEPER—As an illustration of the overcrowded state of the medical profession, says the *Medical Times* (London), an evening newspaper states that at the present time the doorkeeper at one of our London workhouses is a pauper who holds the diploma of fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. It is stated that at one time the "fellow" in question had an excellent practice, kept horses and carriages, and was chief medical officer of a county asylum. Now he wears workhouse fustian with brass buttons, and is glad to touch his hat to all comers. Our contemporary says that competition alone could not have reduced the man to such straits, for, it optimistically thinks, although the profession is much overcrowded, every well-educated and well-conducted doctor should not experience much difficulty in earning sufficient to live respectably.

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