

any one who can command the exertion of an M.D.P. may fairly expect to be treated in an equally considerate manner, and be legalized to practice physic without cost and without ability. He need not possess attainments, nor even the semblance of preparatory study. He will only require to be measured by, and compared with, the parties who have been *relieved* this session, and a parity of circumstances being proved, he *forthwith* is ordained a licensed doctor. In this manner a general invitation is held out to all who choose to avail themselves of it, and undoubtedly applications will be numerous. For who with any aspiration to the name of a medical practitioner, who that finds education an impediment, and capacity in deficiency, will restrain his ambition after this bill becomes law. He only has to remember, and be encouraged in his enterprise, that the parties favored in 1855 were Messrs. Bangs, Cutter, Wiles, and Hutchinsen; that the first two were not graduates of any College, and possessed no testimonial of professional proficiency; that the last two had certificates, or as perhaps they consider them degrees, from Colleges on the American border of a very inferior character, and from which the same *honor*, without any personal sacrifice may be purchased at a small sum. These are the only standards of excellence he has to attain, and then upon the principle above annunciated, he must obtain his desire: and it requires no lengthened explanation to shew that under auspices, so highly favorable as these, very many pretenders will be awarded the same footing as Physicians who have been regularly licensed.

A beggarly competition in the struggle for public patronage must follow, and medicine be brought down to the level of the most ignoble employment. A premium has been offered for ignorance, and skill has been regarded as unworthy of appreciation. The Acts of one Parliament appear as foolishness to the next. A College empowered by incorporation has been so regarded as to appear in the light of a snare and a delusion. The trade of physic is fast becoming free to adventurers, and the promotion of quackery is the work of the Legislature.

*Dr. Gibb's Appointment.*—It will please Dr. Gibb's numerous friends in Montreal to learn that he has lately been appointed Physician Accoucheur to the St. Pancras Royal General Dispensary, London, vacated by the retirement of Mr. Greerhulgh. Dr. Gibb's talents and perseverance will command, and are eminently deserving of success.