wanted ability. I have the honour to remain, Sir, yours very respectfully,

J. BEDINGFIELD.

Stowmarket, Jan. 26th, 1836.

EULOGISTS OF RHUBARB HALL.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—In Roderick's journal of last week is printed a document headed "*Protest of the Students of Guy's Hospital against the late proceedings at the Crown-and-Anchor*" said by Roderick to have attached to it the signatures of 94 of the students of that hospital:* now Sir, I think it right that you should be acquainted with the hole-and-corner manner in which this "protest" has been got up by its promoters, Messieurs H. C. Muggand and J. Bent. These buzzing busy bodies, who attend to every person's affairs but *their own*,—or they might perhaps, ere this, have been enabled, with the aid of a little favour at court, to pass the ordeal at Rhubarb Hall,—have got up this document expressly to court that very favour. I am sorry that their abilities and diligence need it. In that document they term the 94 who have signed it, a "large majority" of the students of Guy's, but to say the least of it, this is untrue. They also call the proceedings of that meeting "ill judged and violent," and state that they were "characterized throughout by party violence," which is notoriously false. Now, Sir, from the admission of two individuals whose names are attached to that document, I can assert that neither of them was present at the meeting; consequently they rely on the reports of others in making the allegations to which they have attached their names; and I believe that very many more, if not the majority of those who signed that paper, were not present at that meeting; and I can positively say that not a few repent having signed it; I have learnt this from their own lips. In addition to this, I may remark, that Messrs. Muggand and Bent induced several juvenile pupils (fresh from the country) to sign the paper in question, solely on the ground that they could not do wrong by following in the footsteps of their seniors. These young gentlemen will learn wisdom from experience. I refrain from saying any thing more on the subject of this "protest," than that we are greatly surprised in the Borough that any medical students, of whatever party, should be found

* 94 does not form a fourth part of the number of 400, which *Guy's Hospital* used to boast that it fostered per session. No wonder that medical reform is a repugnant topic in some nooks in that quarter.

to connive at and applaud the ungentlemanly and unworthy manner in which the worshipful examiner at Apothecaries' Hall acted when he questioned and rejected Mr. Smith. I am, Sir, yours very respectfully,

A GUY'S HOSPITAL STUDENT.

Guy's Hospital, Feb. 16th, 1836.

NOTE FROM MR. WATTS.—*To the Editor.*

—Sir,—On reading over my letter in your excellent publication, I beg to say that I committed a quite unintentional mistake, when I stated that I had attended nine parishes for eighteen years. Several of them I have so attended, and others in intermediate spaces of time. This was what I designed to express. At the same time I beg to assure you and my professional brethren that my object in giving publicity to the Wheatenhurst Poor-Law-Union proceeding, was not with the slightest intention of doing Mr. Moseley any professional injury, but to point out the system as one which is degrading to the profession, and injurious to the poor. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

THOMAS WATTS.

Frampton-upon-Severn,

Feb. 17, 1836.

CORONER FOR ABERYSTWYTH.—*To the Editor.*—Sir,—Seeing by a letter inserted in *THE LANCET* of Feb. 13th, that you are anxious to ascertain the number of medical coroners in England and Wales, I beg to state that the Coroner for Aberystwyth, Cardiganshire, is Rice Williams, Esq., a medical gentleman who has filled the office of Coroner in that town for a length of time. I am, Sir, yours, obediently,

A STUDENT OF MEDICINE.

MEDICAL WITNESSES BILL.

To the Editor.—Sir, I enclose you a copy of a Petition to the House of Commons, prepared at a meeting of the committee of the "Bucks Medical Association," lately held at Aylesbury. It is now in course of signature, and will shortly be ready for presentation. The support of its prayer will be earnestly requested of the county and borough members. I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

ROBERT CEELY, Hon. Sec.

Aylesbury, Feb. 15, 1836.

*** The petitioners draw the attention of the House to the fact that a coroner's inquest, without efficient medical evidence, can be but an empty form, and is, consequently, a source of useless expense, and