

payne dinner, and such was the unanimity upon the occasion, that it was contemplated to form a medical club at Epping.

At the subsequent meeting, agreed upon in consequence of a notice from the Board of Guardians respecting the medical attendance on the poor, it was stated by Mr. Rix that, notwithstanding the resolution so cordially entered into, Messrs. Dobson and Goddard had, on the *week previous*, sent in *tenders*, not only for their own district, but also for his (*Mr. Rix's*). This Messrs. D. and G. *could not deny*, but attempted to qualify their conduct by observing, "We were bound to protect our own interests." The meeting strongly animadverted upon this (to say the least) dereliction of their engagements, and it was suggested to Messrs. Dobson and Goddard, "*that the sooner they left the room the better*," which they immediately complied with.

This is the plain "unvarnished tale." I shall not presume to comment upon these proceedings; they require none, but I beg merely to state that this pledge of honour was most strictly maintained by all the other practitioners, and I regret that there should be a necessity for again intruding this detail on the public.

Relying upon your zeal in the cause of our profession, and the incalculable benefits your vigilant pen has conferred upon it, I shall feel obliged by your inserting this letter in your next Number, which I assure you is written "more in sorrow than in anger." I remain, Sir, yours respectfully,

GEORGE ROBT. ROWE.

Chigwell, Essex, April 31, 1836.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.

FOREIGN MEDICAL CERTIFICATES.

In consequence of the insertion of the following reply to a correspondent in *THE LANCET* of April 30, the subjoined notification has been forwarded to us from Apothecaries' Hall:—

"*A Constant Reader*.—Certificates of attendance, granted in Paris, on the lectures and hospital practice of that capital, are not received by candidates for the diplomas and licenses at the College of Surgeons, London. A knowledge of medicine which is obtained on the continent, is deemed a contraband commodity by our wise and disinterested medical rulers."

To the Editor of *THE LANCET*.

SIR: The attention of the Court of Examiners of this Society having been drawn to a paragraph appearing in *THE LANCET*

of the 30th ultimo under the head of "Correspondents," which is calculated to mislead students who have received their medical education abroad, I am directed to acquaint you that certificates of attendance on lectures and hospital practice in Paris and other foreign schools, are, and for many years past have been, received by the Court, provided that such certificates are recognised by the medical authorities of the countries in which the lectures and hospital practice are attended. I am, Sir, your most obedient servant,

ROBERT B. UPTON, Secretary.

Apothecaries' Hall, May 5, 1836.

We receive the contradiction of our statement with surprise and pleasure,—with surprise because we had long been given to understand that no such arrangement existed,—and with pleasure, because it is an indication of comparative liberality in the conduct of Apothecaries' Hall,—a liberality which finds no parallel in the "regulations" of the College of Surgeons.

MEDICAL WITNESSES BILL.

To the Editor of *THE LANCET*.

SIR: As I find that you have, or are about to introduce, a bill for the remuneration to surgeons for their attendance at inquisitions, I take the liberty of calling your attention to the order recently issued to all parochial officers by the commissioners under the New Poor-Law Amendment Act, directing them not to pay any expense attendant upon coroners' inquests.

The inconvenience and complaints produced by this order are great, and the constables will not inform the coroner of any violent deaths which occur in their districts, as every constable will avoid his duty in this respect, if unattended with remuneration; for the trouble of summoning jurymen, witnesses, &c., and obtaining their punctual attendance, is considerable.

If you could obtain an alteration of this absurd order, or you should think it right to make other provision in your bill, a large portion of the community would be much indebted to you. I have the honour to remain very obediently yours,

W. ROBINSON.

Dudley, May 3, 1836.

* * * The MEDICAL WITNESSES BILL refers only to the payment of those medical men who may be summoned to attend coroners' inquests. All other matters are designedly excluded. The facts noticed by