

Glasgow,—which after much shuffling and pioneering he was permitted to decline?

Was not Lord Melbourne Home-Secretary when the Chair of Pathology was most unnecessarily created—and most unjustly made imperative—for John Thomson, of chair-manufacturing notoriety,—a man who never succeeded in teaching one of the many branches of medical science which he professed, nor in obtaining any place but by intrigue?

Was not Lord Melbourne in office when Dr. Turner, the said John Thomson's dependant and quondam "prentice," who had also signally failed as a teacher of surgery, was made Professor of Surgery in the Glasgow University?

Did not Lord Melbourne sanction the sale of the Chair of Clinical Surgery to the highest bidder,—a transaction disgraceful to *all* concerned, and which, if I mistake not, has given a serious blow to the Surgical School of Edinburgh?

John was said by the late Dr. Barclay to be "like a mondwart (a mole) ey houking a lo the grund, and pitting out his nose whare nae une lookit for him;" and, verily, certain plans which he has in his head at present, admirably illustrate the accuracy of Dr. Barclay's remark. John proposes to appear in London next season, during the sitting of Parliament, to endeavour to assist the eel-backed Halford and his party in retarding medical reform,—an object which the immaculate John has much at heart, now that he is a professor, and has the prospect, as he thinks, of seating a son or two in *imperative* chairs. Dr. John Thomson, quondam College of Surgeons Professor,—quondam Professor of Military Surgery,—quondam private Lecturer on the Practice of Medicine,—quondam Hospital Surgeon,—quondam candidate for every vacant Chair in the University,—and *now*, Professor of Pathology, an easy chair placed in the college for *his* particular convenience—Dr. John Thomson, the uncompromising foe of the professors *when a private lecturer*, is now the earnest advocate of "Acts and Charters" to empower privileged drones "to interfere with the rights of private teachers and the privileges of medical students."

Should John accomplish his London trip, and succeed in domiciling himself at Holland House (another part of his scheme, which he hopes to achieve through the agency of John Allen, Lord Holland's private Secretary), in order to waylay the Chancellor and out-wit Mr. Warburton, I hope effectual means will be used to counteract views.

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THE SPY REGULATIONS.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—There are two articles in the last number of *THE LANCET* on which I trust you will allow me to say a few words, and which, as a member of the medical classes of the University of London, I cannot suffer to remain unnoticed.

First, The report of the late meeting in our theatre of anatomy respecting the recent Regulations of the College of Surgeons having appeared in *THE LANCET*, it is right that the public should be distinctly informed how it originated.

Notice of the meeting was posted, and information sent to the office of *THE LANCET*, under direction of a few individuals (it was said of six, but I heard of two only), without the knowledge of any other student, and without the sanction of the Council of the University.

Having briefly stated these facts, I shall not trespass on your columns by making any comment on the meeting or on the responsibility and irregular conduct of those who thus hastily convened it, but conclude this article by stating that the irregularity has met with that disapprobation among the students that it merits. I now beg to call the attention of your readers to the letter from "A Senior Student of the University of London," which appeared in your last Number. He states that "250 medical students, who think and speak for themselves," one and all agree in certain opinions respecting the regulations of the College. Now I take upon myself to say that his statement is gratuitous and untrue. That many are opposed to the regulations, and think them highly oppressive, I doubt not; but I will not suffer the unauthorized and incorrect statement of one who has not the manliness to affix his name to it, to be unanswered. Respectfully yours,

CHARLES LINGEN.

University of London,
Nov. 26th, 1834.

* * Are we to understand from this letter that Mr. Lingen himself is in favour of the spy regulations of the dirty College?—ED. L.

LETTER FROM MR. NAPPER.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

Sir,—An anonymous correspondent, quite unknown to me, has transmitted to you a report of a quarrel which took place at *Guy's Hospital*, in which I was concerned, vide *LANCET*, page 299, No. 8.

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