

## DR. LIMA LA'MERT AND THE EDINBURGH COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS.

SIR: I am instructed by Dr. Lima La'Mert to write you on the subject of a statement in your Medical Journal of the 21st instant, which has just been called to his notice, and which is as follows:—

"The first one is the youth who joined the College of Physicians during the year of grace, after becoming M.R.C.S.E. in 1859."

By this statement, you seem to imply that Dr. Lima La'Mert was one of those who in the year of grace (as you call it) obtained his diploma without having been subjected to the test of professional knowledge; this is doing Dr. Lima La'Mert the greatest injustice. With the full knowledge of who he was, and after a severe examination, the College announced their satisfaction with his attainments, and his election as a member of the College, and it was not till sometime after he had left Edinburgh, and while at Glasgow, that they improperly induced him to sign the memorandum set out in your article. In the expectation you will do Dr. Lima La'Mert the justice of correcting the error in your article.

I am, etc., HENRY PHILIPPS.

2, Robert Street, Adelphi, W.C., June 29th, 1862.

HOUSE VENTILATION.—Mr. Hartshorne reminds us that we did not justice to his scheme in the remarks lately made in the JOURNAL on ventilation:—"Will you allow me to invite your attention to some back numbers of our JOURNAL—i.e., June 30th, 1860, p. 512; July 20th, 1861, p. 77; and December 21st, 1861, p. 673. If you do so, I think that you will perceive that 'how to get the air which is outside our windows inside them, and how to get it in *cito et jucundé*—i.e., abundantly, and without the creation of a draught'—has been there fully answered without the aid of an architect. I have laboured to make the plan intelligible; but I suppose it is still misunderstood; but, from my experience of it, I am convinced that it is perfect in principle. Dr. Styrup, of Shrewsbury, has also informed me that it acts admirably in some model cottages which he has designed."

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PHYSICIANS' FEES.—SIR: Will you grant me a small space in answer to "One of the Old School," who writes very feelingly. He does not deny my assertion as to the unsatisfactory state of the profession caused by the physicians lowering their fees; but blames the general practitioner indirectly for it, by not calling in the young physician in consultation. He treats a consultation as a light matter, and as if the general practitioner could have it when he liked, or could call in whom he pleased. I never desire a consultation except in a serious case—I never object to it; both for my own credit's sake, and the patient's pocket; and often when I have proposed it, it has been considered unnecessary. Frequently, the patient or his friends choose the man to be called in; but if it be left to me, I select one whose opinion I consider better than my own; and at my age, hard upon fifty, I hope he will not accuse me of presumption, if I think I know nearly as much as some of the young physicians, as there is but one royal road to medical lore. I often call in a general practitioner, if he be left to me, and should prefer him to a young physician; moreover, some of the latter are not popular. The fact is, that the state of the profession has changed much during the last fifty years, for reasons I need not again enter into, and will continue to do so; and if the physician does not keep up his fees, he will certainly not keep up his rank, and the general practitioner will often supplant him.

June 24th, 1862.

I am, etc., BRISTOLIENSIS.

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I would remind those who have promised me their personal assistance on the polling day, that it is of vital importance that their efforts should be made EARLY, and that they should endeavour to bring their friends to the poll directly it opens at 8 o'clock in the morning.

Be up and EARLY at the poll.

I am, Gentlemen, your most obedient servant,

EDWIN LANKESTER, M.D., F.R.S.

8, Savile Row, W., June 26th, 1862.

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