

of them was the trooth but Just to tell the trooth as you should hav done at the start it was to protect the medical colleges and fore a fiew of the college pets to git some small feese and a little fame. for your honorble board dont cear any thang for the people nor for the honest doctor for your Georgia board let men pas and giv them licens to practice that didnt know pots fracture from pots deseas of the spine and tha couldent describ colliies fracture either and I hate to tell it but its the truith there was some one past that board that sed oun examination that tha would giv a child thirty drops of norways tincture of Veratrum but tha past the board OK. and you Still brag about your examining board now Mr. Editor I hav only rote the trooth and you cant deny what I hav Sed.

Yours in Medicen,

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Now Mr Editor wee would like to see this writeing spred over the pages of your famus Journal but that is somethang wee will never see as it is the trooth.

We regret very much to note that such profound knowledge of anatomy and physiology remains hidden with our esteemed and phonetic contributor in a remote precinct in Floyd county. What light he can throw upon the functions of the "appendic vermeformics," the "superenial" capsules, and the thyroid "glandes" should be given to an anxious profession at once, before his light goes out, so to speak. As for the examination of those "hoo are allredy in praetic," we think that our sensitive friend, instead of agitating the matter, had better adopt the more prudent occupation of sawing wood; or, as the astute Brer Rabbit used to do, "lay low and say nothing."

We trust that the colleges and the boards will be able to continue their good work, in spite of the fierce comments of our esteemed correspondent.

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#### DR. JAMES E. REEVES.

THE death of Dr. James E. Reeves, of Chattanooga, January 4th, removes one of the most prominent and distinguished of Southern physicians and sanitarians. Dr. Reeves was a Virginian by birth, and the first thirty years of his professional life were spent in West Virginia. He was the chief organizer of the West Vir-

ginia Medical Society in 1867, and subsequently become president of the same. He was the author of the law creating the State Board of Health of West Virginia, of which he was made a member and secretary for five years. He was one of the founders of the American Public Health Association, of which he was president in 1885. He was also vice-president of the section in public and international hygiene of the International Medical Congress in Washington in 1887. About eight years ago Dr. Reeves removed to Chattanooga. For a number of years he had been especially interested in normal and pathological histology and was the author of several valuable papers in this department of medical science, and also of a systematic text-book which was published about one year ago. This book was kindly received by critics, and gave evidence of both literary scholarship and scientific attainments. One of Dr. Reeves's prominent characteristics was his avowed enmity to quackery and chicanery in all their shapes and wherever found. He was honest and ethical in the highest degree, and his professional acts and status were above reproach. One of the last acts of his life was his arraignment of the Amick Consumption Cure Company. How he exposed this quack concern, and how he was sued by the company for damages, and how the courts decided in his favor on every article of the allegations, have already been told in these pages. The profession has lost a worthy and venerable representative in Dr. Reeves. We are sorry that he is gone and regret there are not others like him.

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#### BOGUS MEDICAL JOURNALISM.

The *Medical Record* (November 16) has an excellent and timely editorial on this subject, which is so fully in accord with remarks which we have made in this paper, that we reproduce it entire:

While the *Medical Record* hails with satisfaction the advent of any new medical journal which appears to have a legitimate sphere, and always extends to it such encouragement as lies in its way, it seems right that a word of con-