tages which it afforded the poorer classes, I did not hesitate to accede to the request. It was also added, that a board of health for the poorer class would be annexed to it. Matters went on to their satisfaction, and, without my knowledge, possibly imagining that it would be agreeable to me, they appended to their circular what, I must confess, has a charlatanic appearance, but *without my consent or knowledge*. The only intimation I received of its existence was on paying a visit to one of my most respectable patients, who informed me that he received a circular of an extraordinary character, and in an envelope, on which was written, "puff direct." I immediately communicated with the directors, and was informed that they did not send it to the party mentioned. Apprehending that some interference existed, they made all inquiries, and at length discovered that an individual called at their printer's for the copy-plate, which was given to him; this person lives in St. Anne's Square, and is an engraver. They immediately called on him, and were to their astonishment informed that an individual called on the engraver and gave him an order for 180 circulars, adding, that he wanted his crest engraved, and that as he was leaving town, he wished the circulars to be left at a surgeon's house, giving the address. The engraver's apprentice delivered the circulars at the house of which the address was given, in this town, and was paid for them at the same house. Thus it is, that a kind friend has made use of this means, with the view of destroying my character, by sending those circulars not only to all the respectable medical men in Manchester, but also to the greater number of respectable families whom I attend professionally. I need not add, that when I discovered the objectionable addition to the circular, I had my name removed from it by the directors. With respect to clubs in general, I hold the opinion, in which many respectable men coincide, that they are of eminent service to the operative class as tending to elevate their moral character and give them a sense of self-respect.

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I have the honour to remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient humble servant,

JAMES EAGER.

St. Peter's Square, Manchester.

* * * We feel much pleasure in inserting Dr. Eager's explanation. It is, as he justly observes, satisfactory and explicit. We happen to know something of the professional qualifications and character of Dr. Eager, and we can affirm that few better deserve the success which he is rapidly attaining. The *interne* of the Hôtel Dieu and la Pitié, the favored pupil of Dupuytren, Louis, and Lisfranc, may rest assured that neither malice nor jealousy can retard the advancement of a man whose reputation is founded on the solid basis of unwearied industry and high professional attainments. But the notice in question was written by a gentleman who has no knowledge of Dr. Eager, and feels neither envy nor malice. The "charlatanic appearance" of the circular must be a valid excuse for the writer in Dr. Eager's eyes.—Eds.

MR. COULSON AND THE DISPATCH.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL JOURNAL.

GENTLEMEN,—My attention was directed for the first time, a few days ago, to your Journal of the 14th ult., containing laudatory notices of myself, taken from the "Weekly Dispatch," and more than intimating that these notices were written either by me or by my connivance. I distinctly and unequivocally deny that these notices have been published with my sanction, connivance, or approbation. They were, on the contrary, as distasteful to my feelings as they were likely to be injurious to a professional man; and I, some time since, remonstrated against them, as strongly as I could against the acts of those over whom I had no control. I call on you to insert this denial, and the letters which I subjoin.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM COULSON.

London, November 8, 1843.

Frederic-place, Nov. 7, 1843.

SIR,—A letter appeared in the Provincial Medical Journal, dated October 14, but which only came under my notice a few days ago, in which extracts are made from the "Weekly Dispatch," containing laudatory notices of me; I beg you to do me the favor to state whether I am directly or indirectly in the slightest degree connected with their insertion.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM COULSON.

To the Editor of the "Weekly Dispatch."

"Weekly Dispatch" Office,
Tuesday, Nov. 7, 1843.

SIR,—In reply to your communication of this day's date, I beg to state that it is contrary to the practice of this establishment to afford information to parties making inquiries into matters connected with the management of it; but, in this instance, I have no hesitation in saying that the notices in the correspondents' columns of the "Dispatch" regarding yourself, and which have appeared from time to time, have been written entirely without your knowledge or solicitation.

I have a distinct recollection of your calling upon me some three or four months' since, requesting the omission of your name in the "Dispatch." I then thought I ought not to be dictated to except by the proprietors; and I still think so. I assure you that your name has only been used in common with the names of other gentlemen who have become eminent in the medical profession.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. WRIGHTSON,

Editor of the "Weekly Dispatch."

To W. Coulson, Esq., Old Jewry.