

of the Club shall propose a General Practitioner for admission, that he be instantly visited with the punishment of death."

Each individual of this flock of bats, has a name peculiar to itself, which we shall publish hereafter, and it will be well for the profession generally not to forget *that name*, or the monster to whom it belongs. We entreat the GENERAL PRACTITIONERS of England to keep in mind the object, for which these bats have congregated; and entreat the profession to recollect that this gang will not even admit of the co-operation or assistance of a GENERAL PRACTITIONER in their monstrous cause; these bats would rather suffer death than the contamination and degradation of such *low* associates. It is of the utmost importance that the GENERAL PRACTITIONER should constantly carry these matters in remembrance, because it frequently happens that his avocations will bring him in contact with bats, and if he do not exercise some little reflection, he will occasionally *solicit* the aid of these monsters, whilst warring against the grim tyrant death. Let them not, therefore, be deceived by appearances, by names, by smiles, or by soft and gentle adulatory words; let them never forget, that the instant the gang assembles in its "Holes and Corners," that every scheme which the lowest cunning can devise, and every project which can be executed by these haters of honesty, independence and manliness, is planned and carried into execution against the meritorious GENERAL PRACTITIONER. However specious, then, the pretences may be, of some of the beings that wear the human form, and are connected with our larger hospitals, however winning their manners, however agreeable their expressions, when absent from their "Holes and Corners;" let the first words of the GENERAL PRACTITIONER be, "*Are you a Bat?*" Not that the thing will hesitate to utter a lie, if it believe that it is its interest to do so; but this lie would convince the hearer of the

accuracy of the description we have given of the character of the monster, and of the real objects of the *Gang*.

IN reply to the inquiries of our country friends, we beg to state, that the SURGEONS' PETITION has been in the hands of an honourable member of the House of Commons during some time past, who is taking the prudent course of investigating the circumstances, and rendering himself thoroughly conversant with the subject, before he enters upon the discussion. This Gentleman, in all probability, will not deem it prudent to present the Petition until after the final disposal of the corn question, which, together with the change of ministers, and one or two other subjects of deep public interest, is engrossing the whole attention of the House.

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* If those Gentlemen whose Subscriptions have not been announced will forward their names, we will publish them on the first opportunity. We deem this notice necessary, as the banker's book in which they were entered has been by some accident mislaid.

A report of Mr. Wardrop's formidable operation of amputation of the lower jaw, will be found at page 27 of our present Number. This case has produced great sensation throughout the profession, and a vast concourse of practitioners and foreigners of distinction continue to visit the patient, all of whom express, in the warmest terms, their approbation of the boldness and skill displayed by the operator. The wound is nearly healed, and the improved appearance of the girl's countenance is most striking. This report is followed by an account of the dissection of the unfortunate woman on whom Mr. Wardrop so successfully operated for the cure of carotid aneurism about four months since. It is a curious fact, that the carotid was found pervious, and in all probability the ligature gave way at the time of the violent retchings about the twentieth day, after which time it was remarked that the pulsations in the carotid returned, although the tumour did not resume its former size, she remained perfectly free from that distressing affection of the head which preceded the operation. It will be seen, that the ligature remained on a sufficient length of time to obliterate the thyroid and vertebral arteries, but not long enough to plug up the larger calibre of the carotid. The ligature consisted of fisherman's silk, the employment of which we would not recommend on similar occasions in future, although no substance could have been more successfully used than in Mr. WARDROP'S first case, and in the more recent, though not less successful one, of Mr. LAMBERT of Walworth.

WE much regret that the jocular notice of sound chirurgical practice at St. Bartholemew's Hospital, which contained some allusion to Mr. Weeks, should have caused any uneasiness to that Gentleman. We take this opportunity of assuring him, that our reporter had not the most distant inten-

tion of throwing any imputation on his professional character, and have much pleasure in stating, that from the zeal and ability with which Mr. Weeks has discharged the duties attached to the office of Dresser, Mr. Lawrence has selected him to fill the honorary office of House Surgeon during the ensuing year.

An Oration, delivered on Thursday, Feb. 9, 1826, before the Hunterian Society, with Supplementary Observations, and Engravings. By Sir WILLIAM BLIZARD, Knight, &c. &c.

THIS wretched production is, in every respect, beneath criticism, and should never have been rescued by us from the silent contempt which alone it merits, did not we hope to draw from it something more important than the bare exposure of the vanity and pomposity of the individual by whom it is written. If there be any one who, notwithstanding daily displays of imbecility, has not yet made up his mind as to the quality of the intellect which presides in the Council of the College of Surgeons, we can recommend to him no better mode of enlightening his views, than a perusal of this oration: bearing in mind that this precious performance proceeds from one whom *superior talent* has elevated to the highest dignities in our temple of chirurgical science; nay, to whose distinguished pre-eminence the assembled council have done homage, by the erection of a marble statue during his lifetime. Let him judge of the excellence and purity of that system of administration—of the discrimination, honour, and probity of those trust-worthy councillors who thus lavish their highest rewards on a man who wants even the sense to keep his imbecility out of sight, but who must needs play the Demosthenes, and render himself the laughing stock of his printer's devil, and two-year-old apprentices. Most of our College