

### A WARNING TO STUDENTS.

I am making a last desperate effort to bring to the knowledge of all readers of this Journal, a disgraceful conspiracy on the part of its editorial staff. While entertaining grave doubts as to whether this article, of its very nature, will receive the glaring publicity it deserves, I am hoping nevertheless that the traditional freedom of the Press will not be violated on this momentous occasion.

How many readers of this Magazine are aware that a handful of fellow-students with a bare modicum of literary ability, have been detained by the editorial staff, and are being forced to contribute to this wretched journal? A dread penalty awaits the slightest suspicion of revolt—the clinical cards of these unfortunates will not be initialed. Such a state of affairs would seem too fanciful to merit credence, but proof is not lacking. The days of deep and dire plots are surely of the past, but who can otherwise account for the sudden and unprecedented familiarity which has so recently sprung up between the Journal Editors and the Hospital Housemen.

One realises, alas, that it is now too late to do anything for our afflicted brethren. They have already been forced to give of their best. But you can guard against the future! Their sacrifice will not have been in vain if it serves to put you on your guard. You have but to imagine the captives slaving gratuitously neglecting their studies, their D.P. certificates and every social tie, to eschew forever the paths frequented by copy-seekers. The victims of this thirst for copy are wrecks, blighted at the very beginning of their careers. What has life in store for them?

Therefore, my friends, do not think lightly of this warning. Do not allow yourselves to be ensnared. After all, a magazine is emphatically not an expression of student thought—it is merely an organ for the amusement and gratification of a select few—its editorial staff, who should be able to shoulder their burden without assistance. Therefore, my friends, meet the seductive blandishments of all copy-seekers with stoic indifference. Do not be drawn into bondage, and, whatever you do, **DON'T WRITE FOR THIS ACCURSED MAG!**  
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### PASSING EVENTS.

Dr. Charles Porter has been appointed HON. PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH to the University of the Witwatersrand. There are now three honorary Chairs in the Medical Faculty—the others being Pathology and Bacteriology, and Psychiatry occupied by Sir Spencer Lister and Prof. Dunston respectively.

"The Leech" feels that it must express its approval of the recognition given to these honoured and distinguished teachers.

Dr. G. E. Peacock has been appointed Honorary Assistant Visiting Physician to the Hospital.

Drs. Kalle Meyer and Heymann are proceeding to Europe to continue their studies.

It is with a great deal of regret that we have to record the departure of Dr. Heymann. When we heard that he was leaving we did all we could to prevent, and later when we saw this was not possible, to postpone this calamitous event. But Fate was against us and we have had to go to Press without his valuable assistance. The success of the first number of "The Leech" was in no small measure due to his tireless efforts. If his painstaking and selfless work for "The Leech" is any criterion, the mysteries of Pediatrics will soon be an open book to him. We wish him every success in his new venture.