

ing to the Profession and is anxious to know whether we will publish it. As far as possible we reply by letter to such queries, but it may so happen that in the hurry of the moment a reply may have been forgotten to some, and they may fancy that we have intentionally kept silent because we did not care to receive their contributions. Such, however, is not the case. We now beg to state that we are not only desirous, but anxious that every subscriber should become a contributor. Let no one therefore keep back any case till he writes to us, but at once forward his communication.

A YOUNG CITY PHYSICIAN.—There can be no question but that a very large number of persons receive relief at the out-door departments of our hospitals, and at our dispensaries, who are perfectly competent to pay a moderate fee to a medical man. It is, however, a very difficult matter to prevent it entirely, though we think something might be done to ameliorate it. There is no doubt in our mind that dispensing medicine to all person who present themselves, is unfair to the many young members of our profession, who are now to be found in all our large cities. This is a view of this matter which perhaps seldom occurs to senior physicians.

SOCIETY DOCTOR.—The sum paid by the society whose physician you are, is too little. We hardly think any medical man can be found who will undertake it at 50 cents per member, although you forward us the name of one who you state made such an offer. We think there must be some mistake. It is certainly not Professional to underbid a confrère. In England, within the last year or two, club rates have increased considerably. Only a few days ago we noticed in the *Lancet* that several lodges of Odd Fellows in connection with the Manchester Unity, had increased their physicians yearly allowance to 5s. sterling per man, and half a crown additional for each candidate examined. If the Profession in Canada were true to their own interests, no society would be accepted unless at a remunerative rate, the amount at present paid by any society being ridiculously small.

Over four thousand deaths from Scarlatina were recorded in London, England, in the six months preceding the New Year. A mild form of the same disease has prevailed in Montreal since the beginning of December, but is apparently on the decrease.

The London *Lancet* of January 1st, speaks approvingly of the ventilator invented by Dr. Howard of St. Johns, P.Q., and calls it an American invention. Could not our *confrère* have said "Canadian?"