

it may be said, "*Parturiunt montes, nascitur ridiculus mus.*"

Let the members of the CANADA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION see to it that, in September, they fall not into like condemnation. The Montreal men have always been the mainstay—the backbone—of this Association. They have always sent a fair contingent to its meetings; and these have ever acquitted themselves individually creditably and well. The gauntlet of past achievement lies upon the ground, and the profession in Toronto has another opportunity to enter the lists and pick it up. In the contest of honourable emulation and worthy rivalry, which follows issue thus fairly joined we need not despair, but with an equal mind strive manfully for the victory. *Palmam qui meruit ferat*, say we all.

OUR CONTEMPORARY.

The homœopathic organ of Toronto thinks, or *affects* to think, that the letter of "Junius," which appeared in our May issue, was our own production, under a "transparent *nom de plume*." We take pleasure in assuring our friend that neither the letter in question, nor any other letter which has appeared in this Journal, was written by the Editor or Editors. We have the courage of our convictions in representing the Profession of this country, and will never stoop to any such cowardly subterfuge in expressing our views. Our columns are always open to any respectable correspondents, who must, of course, be held responsible for the opinions they express.

As to "Junius," we may say that, in his letter, he either did not know, or omitted to mention, the principal motive which inspired the articles in the *Lancet* with reference to the claims of the Board of Health, *i.e.*, the strong personal enmity shown by the editor of the *Lancet* towards Dr. Oldright since the year 1877, which arose out of a contest for the Senate of Toronto University, (in which the latter committed the unpardonable crime of defeating the former by a large majority). This is, of course, a purely private matter, and no business of ours, and we are only sorry in the interest of journalism and the professional

public, that so petty a matter should cause an editor, in discussing so important a measure as the appointment of a Board of Health, to make a purely personal attack on any member of that Board. Without doubt, any journalist descending to such a course must at once lose all the influence his writings would otherwise exert.

The latest reference to this Journal as the "organ of the Toronto School of Medicine" is somewhat touching. It brings us back to the times past when the *Canada Lancet* with its "largest circulation," in capital letters, frequently repeated, was, before its capture by the homœopaths, the respectable and respected organ of the Trinity Medical School. We learn with grief that a serious difficulty has arisen which slightly complicates matters. It is said that some of the homœopaths object to being placed in a false position by being asked to consult with regulars, who do not believe in their peculiar tenets, and with whom, therefore, they can have no common ground. If, on these considerations they repudiate the *Lancet*, its prospects become gloomy in the extreme, and grave fears are entertained that it may tumble into the "deep sea," and be nobody's organ, except the proprietor's.

We dislike to contemplate so sad a picture, and trust that a much brighter future is in store for that Journal. We hope the Editor will calmly, deliberately, and dispassionately, reconsider the whole question, sincerely repent his evil ways, and like the prodigal of old, return to the bosom of his numerous former friends in the Profession, who will doubtless receive him with open arms and much rejoicing. Although, in his recently acquired loss of vision, he accuses us of "bad taste," still, we will forget it all and gladly join our efforts with those who are anxious to accomplish a result so happy, but apparently, at present, so unlikely. This amblyopia will, perhaps, also account for his overlooking the letter of "*Notandi sunt tibi mores*," which we innocently supposed would have interested him even more than that of "Junius."

Dr. H. C. Burritt, of Peterboro', is coming to Toronto, where he intends to locate permanently and engage in practice.

Dr. Halliday, of Grafton, has gone to Peterboro'.