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The proceedings of our Dominion Medical Association which held its second annual meeting at Toronto, upon the 8th and 9th of September, were attended with quite as much interest as characterized either of the preceding conventions. The previous meetings held at Quebec and Montreal, were principally occupied in organizing, and in creating laws for the government of its members; and it was anticipated that at this last meeting the Association would have entered upon its proper functions. But in consequence of the unsettled condition of the Medical Profession of Ontario arising out of the new Medical Act, and the manifest desire on the part of the members of the Medical Council to clear their skirts of any complicity in obtaining that Act, as well as of any stain of Homœopathy and Eclecticism, there arose almost a continuous stream of disputation. The sharp cutting remarks of Dr. Workman, in his address of welcome; the clear, forcible and unmistakable utterance of the President; and the decidedly hostile attitude of the Association toward Medical sects, placed before the Advocates of the Medical Act, who have declared it to be a boon, the distinct alternative of either repudiating the unnatural connection or forfeiting the respect of the regular Profession. Upon the name of an individual being proposed for membership, who has taken an active part with respect to the new Act, and who is reported by the Daily Press as having made insulting remarks about the Profession of Toronto, and of expressing his willingness to consult with Homœopaths, the question was raised whether any one in the habit of meeting, professionally, irregular practitioners, was eligible for membership. This led to a good deal of warm discussion in which persons not members of the Association, in very bad taste, endeavored to force themselves upon the attention of the Association. It was distinctly stated that the question was one of vital importance, that it was a principle and not an individual that had to be considered. It is a matter of extreme congratulation, that by an overwhelming majority it was decided that no one could be a member of the Canadian Medical Association, who either met a Homœopath in consultation, or justified such a meeting. This decision was emphasized at a later period by the refusal to admit another person until he had in the most solemn