

The objects which were contemplated in the proposed formation of a Provincial Medical Association, are clearly and well enough set forth in the last paragraph of the requisition above placed on record. We were not, however, previously aware, that the regulation "of the duties of Practitioners" was to form any part of the objects of the contemplated association; and we shall wait with no little impatience, the expected *denouement* on this head.

A communication was lately received by the Society in this city from the Medical Society of Quebec, conveying the information, that that Society not only coincided in the views of the Society in this city, but also that it would send delegates to Montreal on the 20th of the current month. This zeal and haste, on the part of the Quebec Society, in appointing so early a day for convention, will, it is much to be feared, render it almost impossible for the Societies in Canada West to avail themselves of the opportunity to be present by their delegates. On an important matter of this nature, we think that full time should have been allowed for the assembly of delegates from the most distant parts of the Province, (if any Medical Societies there existed,) and that the meeting, by being so much the more numerous, which would have been the sure result of its postponement to a more distant day, would have carried far more influence with it.

But why was this assembly of delegates from the Medical Societies of the Province to meet? This is readily answered by a reference to the first of the resolutions of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of this city, which will be found in another column, and in which their duties are thus stated: "*To adopt measures for the foundation of a Provincial Medical Association, the formation of bye-laws for its government, and the general purposes contemplated for advancing the interest of the profession in this Province.*" The meeting called for the 20th inst., can be viewed in no other light, than a conference of the *different Medical Societies* by their delegates, for the purpose of *founding* the association; themselves constituting as it were, the nucleus around which the profession generally may rally, after the establishment of certain regulations which may be brought to bear upon every section of the Province, in which branches may spring up. The means of communication with each other would thus be rendered easy—the business of the Association be managed with facility, and no unusual or unnecessary demands would be made upon the time of individual members of the profession, by an occasional protracted absence from the scene of their labours to attend meetings, it might be at distant places. Dr. Arnold's amendment, noticed in the preceding article,

that the *Medico-Chirurgical Society* should summon a meeting of the profession of the Districts alluded to, was not entertained by the Society, on the ground, not only of such a procedure being a departure from its already determined plan of action, but because being a city Society, it did not conceive that its *position* warranted any such authoritative pretensions, and it would have savoured less of factious opposition, had Dr. A. not pushed his determination to extremes.

Without entering into any minute critical examination of the requisition, for there is ample material for such a task, did our inclination at the present moment tend to it, one thing cannot but arrest the attention of even a superficial observer, viz., that proceeding beyond the District of Montreal, the summons to the meeting is made to extend to the profession of the Western portion of the District of Three Rivers, while that of the Eastern Townships is excluded. Could not the decanate voice, so powerful as to reach one distant section of this Province, in contiguity with this District, reach another equally as distant? What the barrier which has presented its impenetrable walls to the "*important*" invitation? Why the ban thus laid upon our brethren of the Eastern Townships? Let those who have signed the requisition reply, for they *only* can.

We object not to a general meeting of the Profession, for any purpose whatever for which it may be called, but we do think that this one was perfectly unnecessary for the present; we view it as a most decided interference with the plans and projects of the Medical Societies of the Province, and regarding it as a most likely method of engendering feelings of animosity where none should exist, we must condemn it. We regard it as a highly injudicious and ill-timed measure.

TITLES TO THE ARTICLES OF CORRESPONDENTS.

The following is from our esteemed contemporary the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*. The suggestion is a good one, and we earnestly recommend it to the particular attention of our correspondents, for we have already, on several occasions, experienced considerable difficulty on this subject:—

Were authors of original essays, and correspondents of the Journal generally, always particular to give a title to their communications, they would confer a special favor. It is essential that every paper worth reading, should be made come-at-able by an index. Without some appropriate caption, expressive of the main character of an article, an editor sometimes finds himself perplexed—especially when he ascertains that one cannot be constructed without the risk of disapproval on the part of the author. Each volume is provided with a tolerably minute index; without which there would be utter confusion, and it is important that each article should be there appropriately placed. Being persuaded that we sometimes fall short of the expectations of the writers of really excellent papers, in affixing a name, we shall esteem it a favor if each one will remember to christen his own, both to save himself from vexation, and us from the liability of blunders or mistakes.