

## USEFULNESS OF THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS. &amp;c., &amp;c.

[The following letter reached us too late for present comment. Its subject is of immense importance to the profession, and can not be suffered to slumber in oblivion. It shall be known throughout the length and breadth of the land; and we will have great pleasure in again recurring to it, in the hope that the tree may yet bear fruit.—*Eds. MED. CHRON.*]

A multiplicity of matter, unconnected, it is true, with those of a professional character, but requiring an extended correspondence, precluded me from acknowledging the receipt of your extremely well-conducted and interesting medical periodical; and I may add, from also addressing you an article for your next issue. You may, however, rest assured, that I feel a deep interest—an interest which ought to pervade the whole body of the profession in advancing by every possible means, the medical literature of our common country—in the absence of which our noble profession can never be elevated to that position and high consideration, which its importance, as well as usefulness, can so justly claim.

You may long ere this have observed the indifference and apathy with which—in a public point of view,—so important an institution as the College of Physicians and Surgeons, has been regarded—this, mainly, is not only to be attributed to the want of imparting to, and bringing the proceedings more frequently before the public; but to the operations being apparently, and merely, confined to an examining Board of Governors, into the qualification of candidates for admission to practice and study,—instead, as in other countries, of assuming a more enlarged range in the general interests of the profession, and in those hygienic measures which involve the public health and public safety, from those disastrous and calamitous pestilential and epidemic diseases, which have already, from time to time, invaded and decimated this Province, as well as the recommendation for legislative adoption of enactments for the better regulation and administration of Quarantine. And I regret that Dr. Morrin whose professional life (and in which we can never separate Dr. Wolfred Nelson, and our late President Professor Holmes, and others I would gladly name,) has been devoted to the public good, should not have persisted in bringing before the College, in a more ostensible form, his very judicious suggestions with regard to the above important subject. In England, France, and the Continent of Europe, where similar bodies (from being composed of men of the highest professional acquirements and intellectual character) are, at all times, fully recognised and consulted by Governments in all matters essential to the