

several hundred pounds are to be found. We should imagine that a legitimate way of spending at least the interest of that money, would be in prosecuting all offenders. We are cognizant of the fact that several Druggists in this city, are constantly in the habit of prescribing over the counter, some go so far as to perform minor surgical operations; and others visit patients, and charge for their visits. These men, all of them, have set the College at defiance, in refusing to take out their license as druggists. Seeing they can act as they please without being interfered with in this particular, they next proceed to style themselves doctor, and assume the rights and privileges of that class, feeling convinced that the "old fogies" of the College cannot in any way molest them.

If the penal clause of the act incorporating the profession is inoperative, why allow it to remain so? Have it amended, and let us be in a position to change the present unsatisfactory state of things.

THE CANADA MEDICAL JOURNAL.

We have received a letter from a contributor, on the subject of the objects of our Journal, and who compares our Joarnal, unjustly we think, with the London *Lancet* and other medical periodicals, published every week in England.

In publishing the CANADA MEDICAL JOURNAL we were induced to do so to give to the profession in Canada, a means of making known their observations in the treatment of disease. No person can conceive the amount of labour connected with a publication of this character. Single handed we have laboured unremunerated, except in feeling that we have done some little good; and we will continue to labour—although the profession has not sustained our work, yet we hope that in time our confreres will be induced to earnestly aid us, by recording cases which may come under their observation. This would benefit themselves as well as the profession they have selected. It is no wise man's policy to hide his light beneath a bushel. It is the character of a churl, or of an indolent man, to allow important observations to go unrecorded.

What would be the present position of Medicine and Surgery, if earnest and painstaking observations had never been placed on record.

We cannot but feel that Canada has not taken that stand in scientific observation which she ought to hold. The Medical and Surgical profession is as well administered here as in other coun-