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Societies where medical men can meet together and viva voce exchange opinions, actual experiences, advance theories, and subject their practice to the criticisms of their professional brethren have been immense factors in placing the profession of medicine in the deservedly high position it has now attained to. There is no doubt that the various medical societies and journals while promoting that social professional union which means strength, have been instrumental in raising the general status of the profession. Pre-eminent among medical societies the British Medical Association deservedly stands. In twenty years this association has increased in numbers from 4,000 to 12,000 members, having on its rolls the most honored names among the physicians and surgeons of Great Britain. The *London Globe* in its remarks on the late meeting held in Dublin says: "It is a matter of concern to us all that the men to whom we are compelled from time to time to trust our lives should be men well instructed in their craft and of high personal character and the medical men of Great Britain and Ireland are certainly not behind those of any other country.

Strange to say there is no medical society or association of this charac-

ter in Winnipeg, and its absence is an immediate felt want, an unquestionable void that there is no reason or sense in continuing. Some little trouble is incurred in the foundation of all societies and associations. But if the medical men practising in Winnipeg and its vicinity will send in their names as desirous of forming a medico-chirurgical society in the town, to the editor of this journal. So soon as the numbers warrant, a meeting will be called of those interested in its establishment, and a Winnipeg medical society will take life. The following gentlemen have already notified their desire to join:—Drs. Orton, Lynch, Brett, Pennefather, R. B. Fergusson and Codd.

QUACKS.

The last agonized screech of the Orville fraternity is sounding. The last trump is being played. It is announced that the circus will leave our midst some time in next April "what pathos permeates this notice! How generous is the Orville to give ample time so that all who have money to throw away; all who are so weak as to be duped and gulled by the most flagrant trickery. Let them hasten to try *the Swedish movements*," the vapour, sulphur and medicated humbuggeries dished up to ease them of their dollars. They have eight months to get rid of their cash. to drain the cup of quackery to the dregs, and few who try the experiment will find themselves disappointed in not having had ample time to transfer all their dollars and cents into the capacious maws of the quack exchequer, when wiser and sadder, bankrupt in purse and enfeebled by disease they return to the care of legitimate professional men they will have realized like all who have taken a similar course that they have committed their gravest error. For not