

tice in this country any who have followed courses which fall so much short of that which we demand from our own graduates. The United States is, we believe, the only country which allows free trade in medicine, although it protects, and that in some instances with a vengeance, the general trade of the country. Every other civilized nation, on the contrary, has thought that the lives of the inhabitants was their first care, and have therefore demanded a qualification for examination which as nearly as possible must be alike in all who practise the healing art. This degree of qualification of course varies in different countries. That grievances may in consequence arise is quite likely; they follow in many instances simply as the result of the sharply cut national boundary lines, and while they doubtless cause irritation, so long as we live under different forms of government and are guided by different laws, they must be endured.

Our editorial friend of the *Express and Standard* threatens retaliation unless the law is changed, and in this way doubtless some Canadian medical men would suffer. But whether they would suffer long depends entirely upon the character of the retaliation. If the Vermont authorities retaliated by demanding an examination, both preliminary and professional, from all Canadian graduates who desire to practise in that state, they would be doing what is quite within their province, and Canadians would accept the situation and qualify under it. If, however, all the American Medical Schools would adopt the main features of the English and Canadian Medical Acts, we would feel strongly in favor of admitting to examination, without residence, at our Universities and Schools and Licensing Boards any American graduate who might desire it. If this was done, they could then readily qualify to practise in Canada. Reciprocity in medical matters is certainly desirable, but it can never be obtained till the qualifications for examination are increased by our American friends.

THE LATE EDITOR OF THE CANADA MEDICAL AND SURGICAL JOURNAL.

We confess to a feeling of sadness at missing from the cover of the *Canada Medical and Surgical Journal* the name of its late editor, our friend, and, for many years, fellow-editor on the

old *Canada Medical Journal*, Dr. Fenwick. After fifteen years of constant editorial labor he has thrown off the harness, and retired from the work. Identified as he has been so long with Medical journalism in this Province, we also regret that he has seen fit to retire without a single line of valedictory, either to those who for such a length of time have sustained and supported him in his work, or to his fellow-laborers, who always have felt proud to number him one of the editorial fraternity. Speaking for ourselves, we have no hesitation in saying that we regard the retirement of Dr. Fenwick from the Medical press as a loss to the profession of the Dominion. No man was better posted on the medical history of the country, and no one better than he knew the various steps which, since 1847, have been taken to incorporate the profession, and which have done so much to elevate its standing. The value of such knowledge to a medical editor is great. In many questions which have arisen during the period of his journalistic work, his pen has done good service, and although at times, as we all will, he may have erred, we believe that, as a general rule, his views were sound, and that, looking over the past, he has little, if any, cause for regret at the stand he may have taken. In retiring into private medical life Dr. Fenwick carries with him our warmest wishes for his welfare, as well as the hope that, with the additional time which will now be at his disposal, he may be able to identify himself more than ever with that branch of the profession to which he has for many years past more closely devoted himself; in this way he can still further, with others, assist in building up a surgical reputation for our good city of Montreal. In this wish we are confident all his friends join most heartily—and their name is legion.

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The August number of this journal comes to us under new editorial management, Dr. Fenwick, its editor since its foundation in 1872, retiring, and his place being supplied by Dr. Geo. Ross and Dr. W. A. Molson. We welcome these two gentlemen upon their initiation into the editorial fraternity, and trust that their pen will never rust, or their fingers weary, in battling for the rights and the advancement of the profession.