

is not injurious, but, on the contrary, favourable to a state of longevity.—Mr. Ancelon has lately discovered a tinea in a fish: it was 11 inches in length, and differed from its analogue in the human species, in having a head ending in a point, which the animal could elongate or retract at will.—A new narcotic has been discovered, the Deimba, or Congo tobacco, growing on the marshy banks of the Congo or Zaira. It would not surprise us to see it rivaling the common nicotiana as an article of luxury. It is now used by the Portuguese residents on the African coasts as such.—A few cases of yellow fever, with black vomit, occurred at Staten Island, N. Y. It excited a good deal of panic among the New Yorkers. The disease existed on the easternmost border of the island, and, although opposite the quarantine station, there can be little doubt of its purely local origin. The disease is disappearing.

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DR. CODERRE AND THE REPEAL ASSOCIATION.

Having in our last made all the observations on the professional parts of Dr. Coderre's letter which we deemed necessary, and having pointed out the *very peculiar* position in which one of his own friends has thrust himself by *publicly denying* a statement which he *had openly* made, it now remains for us to deal with Dr. Coderre for *his* breach of the ordinary rules of conventional intercourse. If we can glean anything from a careful perusal of Dr. Coderre's lengthy communication, this fact would be most forcibly impressed on us, that he considers verboseness, vituperation, and personality, weapons of no ordinary kind of power; that "in war every advantage may be legitimately taken," no matter what its nature; that cunning and artifice may with every propriety supplant more noble and more honourable means; and that in literary warfare the sanctity even of private intercourse may be invaded and exposed, the end justifying the means. We quarrel not with Dr. Coderre for the selection of his weapons; their quality cannot but be appreciated by every right-thinking and honourable mind, and the *very peculiar* position of Dr. Coderre himself, thus indicated to a nicety. We confess to the entertainment of the private opinion which has been attributed to us. That opinion, from legal advice taken months ago, we have found to have been based on error; and on that legal advice we have since pursued our course, the unflinching advocate of the incorporated College, in which the best interests of the Profession of the Province are involved, and the uncompromising enemy of those restless demagogues, whose vanity forces them into a position for which neither nature nor their status in the profession ever designed them, and whose paltry subterfuges it is our delight to expose, and to treat

in the only serious way of which we are capable, and they are worthy—namely, by ridicule; for we have seen nothing in the lucubrations of any of the Association, worthy of any more elevated notice.

We thus express ourselves freely; and our opinion of men and matters in the present state of professional affairs, has been wrung from us by Dr. Coderre's violation of decorum. What if we expressed that opinion to Dr. Coderre. Has Dr. Coderre any right to publish it, or without our sanction? Certainly not. If Dr. Coderre has violated the etiquette of *gentlemanly* intercourse, we at least will forbear the expression of the ideas which rise in our mind; but which his conduct might well deserve. We will be merciful, because "mercy is twice blessed."

Written Examinations.—We have received from one of the governors of the College, resident in Quebec, the copy of a proposal, the essence of which is, to conduct the examination of candidates for license by a series of *written* questions, instead of the customary *viva-voce* ones—the candidate to answer in writing. This is the plan generally adopted now in Great Britain, and we think that none affords a more effectual test of the knowledge of the candidate. As we like both the principle and the plan, we would not have the slightest objection to see it carried out.

Lea and Blanchard's Medical Publications.—We understand that these enterprising publishers of medico-literary works, have appointed Mr. John McCoy, Bookseller and Stationer, Great St. James' Street, their Agent, where may be had a number of their most valuable recent publications. We think this is right, and we think that publishers generally in Philadelphia and New York, will find it their interest to have agencies in this city, in which, during the winter months, a large number of students congregate, besides putting in the way of medical men an easy method of obtaining works they may desire. We would wish, for the sake of the profession, to see Messrs. Lea and Blanchard's proceeding imitated by other houses, for we are certain it would be mutually advantageous.

Act of Incorporation for Upper Canada.—We have been given to understand, that attempts are being made to obtain an Act of Incorporation for the profession in the sister province. We have no knowledge of the particulars of the Act, but we have been notified from several sources, that one is in progress. The profession in the sister province has our best wishes in