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Gentlemen of the Canada Medical Association :

It is now thirteen years since the representatives of the Montreal profession of the several Provinces of Canada assembled at Quebec, hopefully, unanimously resolved "Qu'il est expedient pour la profession medicale du Domaine du Canada de se former en Association de Medecins sous le nom d'Association de Medecins du Canada." Were the question, *Of what use has the Association been?* to be to-day put to any one half-dozen of its most loyal members, perhaps no two of the answers would agree, unless indeed in an impromptu negation of any use. Yet a more deliberate consideration of the question, in my opinion, justifies a more favorable answer.

PRELIMINARY EDUCATION.

One of the important subjects that first engaged the attention of the Association was the general education of students about to enter upon the study of medicine. The committees appointed from time to time to report upon that subject, not only advocated qualifications at least equal to those recommended by the Medical Council of Great Britain, but urged the propriety of having the preliminary examinations conducted