

claim to a chequered career, and to many aliases, would be ashamed to be its author. But there is another view of this matter which deserves consideration. The *Ontario Medical Journal* poses as the organ of an honorable profession, and surely the profession has a right to ask that the *Journal* should be disinfected, and in future be kept uncontaminated by gross personalities which, if uttered in good company, or in any decent man's parlor, would secure for the author a summary exit at the front gate. It is a most disagreeable task to be obliged to refer to this matter. We would greatly prefer to see the amenities of civilized life strictly observed. And we think it is due to the medical profession that those members of the Council who gave the editor his appointment, should advise and, if need be, constrain him to lift the *Journal* from the slums of calumny. By adopting this course, they would avoid the suspicion of being accomplices, and would thereby make the *Journal* clean, so that the profession would not, at least, be ashamed of it.

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Peterboro', July 19th, 1895.

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*To the Editor* CANADIAN MEDICAL REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,—The Council has just finished its long session, and it is about time to inquire what is gained by the opposition arraigned to the old members by the "new blood," so we propose to discuss briefly what they have done and what they have not done.

The Legislature, in its latest change of the bill, increased the number of territorial representatives. It would have been more beneficial to have reduced the number one-half, and much less expensive. But how about the ornamental members of the Council, who have but a fictitious status, such as the representatives of Victoria College Medical School and Toronto Medical School? These two bodies have ceased to exist, therefore representation should also cease. Where were our belligerent Defence men that they did not thresh out this question in Council? Sir James Grant had the good sense not to appear for his paper college this year. It would have been in as good taste and more legal if the so-called representatives of defunct teaching institutions had remained at home.

The annual tax. This question should be handled without gloves. The statute allows the imposition of not less than one nor more than two dollars. If men object to paying two dollars for all the advantages of protection which they certainly receive, there should be some