

resort to such means of making money. Why a reputable practitioner should use such means of gaining a little kudos as medical editor and scorn to make use of them in his medical practice proper is difficult to understand? The same ethics that is proper for the practitioner should also be adopted by the medical editor. Self-laudation is not confined to any particular class of medical journals. It is to be found in monthlies, bi-weeklies and weeklies. Probably the great English and American weeklies are more prone to this self-praise than any others. There are a few noticeable exceptions. The French and German medical journals of all classes are almost entirely free from any such puffing. The Anglo-Saxon editor finds no doubt that it pays to resort to such means. Charlatans make use of similar means for similar reasons.

After all, no one particular medical journal is so valuable or so important that its non-appearance would be felt as a great loss by the profession.

Obituary.

JAMES BOWIE, M.D.

It is with great regret that we record the death of Dr. James Bowie, late of Mitchell, Ont. Dr. Bowie reached the great age of 90 years, and for upwards of sixty years practised his profession. He graduated in medicine in the University of Glasgow in the year 1825; shortly afterwards he began the practice of his profession in St. Johns, Que., but after a short stay he removed to St. Eustache, where he remained for many years. During the "unpleasantness" in 1837, Dr. Bowie was attached as surgeon to the Royal troops, and in that capacity he was present at the battle of St. Eustache. During the fearful epidemic of typhus fever in this city in 1847 Dr. Bowie was acting medical attendant to the hospitals situated at Point St. Charles, and during this trying period he contracted the disease. He, however, quickly recovered and continued his work, which to him was a labour of love. After the subsidence of the epidemic he removed to Mitchell, and in that town he passed the remainder of his professional life.