

DR. WIDMER'S CIRCULAR.

To the Medical Profession of Canada West.

GENTLEMEN,—

Many circumstances connected with the progress of this country, have hitherto conspired to keep the Profession to which we belong, and by which we live, in a comparatively subordinate place in the social scale. It appears to me that the only obstacle to our attaining the position to which we are entitled from every consideration, is the absence of unanimity among ourselves—an evil engendered by the ignorance in which we live, not only of each other personally, but of our mutual wants, opinions, and acquirements.

To remove this barrier must be the desire, I am sanguine enough to believe, of every conscientious and enlightened practitioner,—I, therefore, invite you, as many as can conveniently attend, to meet in this city, on Thursday, the 1st day of July, for the purpose of taking such counsel together as may lead to a course of action calculated to place the Profession on a proper footing.

I make this appeal to you, because I feel deeply interested in the welfare of a Profession of which I have been for many years an active member in this country and elsewhere, and because I believe I am one among the oldest of the practitioners in this Province. I invite you to meet here, because it is the capital of this Province, easily accessible at that season from all parts of the country, and because a point of centralization is necessary in every undertaking of this nature.

Should it be considered a more convenient mode of proceeding, I suggest that each county should assemble, and elect a number of delegates who would represent the views of their constituents. Permit me to make one request in connection with this point, should such a plan be adopted: banish from your minds every other consideration but the interests of your Profession, and select men of experience, education, and enlightened views.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant

And sincere well-wisher,

C. WIDMER.

TORONTO, *May 14*, 1852.