

"At present the prospect is that the PEERS of the men who organized the London Congress (why not include Copenhagen) will be absent from Washington." Is not the CANADA MEDICAL & SURGICAL JOURNAL doing its best to promote that absence? Would it not be well for you to take counsel from the London *Lancet*?" Were we to criticise the editorials in the Canadian medical journals, we would not fall *much short* in arriving at the conclusion that they did not want the Washington Congress of 1887 to be a success.

But for fear I may have misjudged, and that ignorance of the facts in the case have led to the editorial expression of the Canadian medical press, I would respectfully refer you to the editorial in the *Chicago Medical Journal and Examiner* for December, 1885, and to the editorial in the January number of the same journal; also to the editorial in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* for Feb. 6th, 1886. I also take pleasure in enclosing "A Medical coup d'état in Philadelphia," to show you how they do things in the "city of brotherly love," when law has to yield to force.

I am happy to inform the readers of the C. M. J. that the medical profession abroad will be represented in the Washington Congress by many of its most illustrious men. The A. M. A. will take no back steps at St. Louis, and if the few names of the American medical profession given in the JOURNAL are the only ones to be placated, and the success of the Congress rests wholly upon *their sweet ipse dixit*, then, as you say, "it would be better to abandon the Congress." When the medical savants of Europe come to Washington, they will be much surprised at the scientific papers presented and the discussion had upon their own papers, even should the "men eminent in their respective departments" fail to put in their appearance on the occasion.

Yours respectfully,

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Medical Items.

—Dr. G. E. Fenwick, Professor of Surgery, McGill University, has been elected an honorary member of the New York State Medical Society.

—Dr. Stirling, Professor of the Institutes of Medicine in the University of Aberdeen, has accepted the chair of Physiology in the Victoria University, Manchester, rendered vacant by the resignation of Dr. Gamgee. Dr. Stirling was led to prefer Manchester to Aberdeen chiefly on account of the well-equipped laboratories of the Victoria University, which will enable him to engage in original research.

THE NEUROLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.—At a recent meeting of the prominent neurologists of London, it was decided to form an association to be known as the "Neurological Society of London." Dr. Hughlings Jackson has been elected president for the ensuing year, and Dr. Wilks and Sir James Crichton Brown, vice-presidents.