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## VALEDICTORY.

Affairs of a private and personal nature having occurred, I have been reluctantly compelled to resign the proprietorship and editorial function of this journal to Drs. Ogden and Rolph; in doing so I desire to express my gratitude to the members of the profession who have so kindly supported me in my endeavours to establish a Medical Journal in this Dominion. The JOURNAL is now upon a paying basis, and if the same generous support is accorded to my successors, they will have no reason to complain. During the period of my editorial management, the JOURNAL has at all times been thoroughly independent; its columns were open to those members of the profession who desired to express their views upon the medical questions of the day. The Ontario Medical Act has been the chief and most important topic which we have had to consider, and although my views were in opposition to those of a respectable minority, I have not feared to give full and free opportunities for discussion upon this very important subject; and in taking leave of my readers, and the profession generally, I would impress upon them the importance of earnestly supporting our brethren in the Medical Council, who, guided by the highest motives, have devoted their time and talents for the laudable purpose of elevating the profession, and doing away with those crying evils which have disgraced us in times past. Feeling confident that the JOURNAL will still continue to be thoroughly independent, and that the efforts of its Editors will be devoted to the advancement of Medical Science in this Dominion.

I remain,

Yours gratefully,

L. BROCK.

Dr. Brock calls the attention of subscribers to the accounts which he is issuing, and hopes they will forward to him promptly; if not paid in the course of two weeks he will draw upon them through the Express Company.

It may be "a nice thing to be an editor in the country," and in our boyhood we used to fancy he must be a happy fellow, in slippers and gown, seated in his arm chair, jotting down all the witty things, over which, as youngsters, we used to laugh with a gusto which always helped digestion, and sometimes almost made us break the Tenth Commandment. But to edit a Medical Journal like the DOMINION, to be circulated all over the globe, and read, and criticised, and abused, and laughed at, by a class of censors so well versed in the art as medical critics are known to be—or, as Gail Hamilton says, "to furnish shavings and dry wood for burning yourself at the stake"—is not conducive to quiet slumber; but circumstances, or the fates, have placed us in the chair, minus the cushion, and it has been a maxim of our life "to do with our might whatever our hand findeth to do."

As we have undertaken the charge of this journal, we wish a word or two with our friends (and we would have said, with our foes, if we had any.)

We believe there is talent and material enough in our Dominion to make a good, readable journal, and we mean, if possible to develop it. We have the promise of contributions from a number of gentlemen of well known ability and standing in the profession, whose names will be a sufficient guarantee of the value of our pages and the certainty of our success.

We hope our friends will contribute the results of some of their failures and mistakes, as these are often more instructive than their successful cases. If they dislike to publish a failure over their own names, let us have it over an assumed one.

We receive a large number of British and American journals, from which we intend to select very freely, and in such a way as to give our subscribers the cream of the current literature at a cost very far below the combined cost of the originals. In this way we hope to make the DOMINION MEDICAL JOURNAL a professional necessity in Ontario at least, and fill its pages with matter of practical benefit to our busy, thinking, hard-working provincial friends, in advance of the usual more common half-yearly abstracts and retrospects.

Our journal, being monthly, will be of portable size, easily carried, and will furnish a pastime when waiting for the slow operations of nature at the bedside.

We think it will be of peculiar value to our younger brethren, whose incomes will not warrant them in subscribing for a number of British and Foreign journals, but whose ambition prompts them to keep pace with the current medical and scientific literature.