

the profession, of the profession, and by the profession." The majority of the proprietors of the *Philadelphia Medical Journal* were physicians who did not intend to be under the control of "money-grabbing publishers." Dr. George M. Gould, who had for many years before that time been editor of the *Medical News*, was made editor by the trustees. In fact, it was generally supposed that the new journal was created largely, if not entirely, for the purpose of giving Dr. Gould an opportunity of showing how a high-class medical journal should be conducted.

Rumor has said lately that the new journal was not a success from a financial point of view. But this was not a matter of surprise to business men who know something about the cost of conducting medical journals. The real surprise came, however, a few weeks ago, when it was announced that Dr. Gould had been discharged from the editorship. We learn from the *Medical Record*: "The following editorial was written by him for his issue of the journal, December 29th, but was suppressed by some one who had more control over the editorial columns than the editor himself." The portion of the editorial, which we quote, was published by the *Record* at Dr. Gould's request:

"A Personal Word from the Editor.—Just as the last forms are going to press, I learn that the present number of the *Philadelphia Medical Journal* will be the last (except as to the Original Article Department of the next issue) for which I shall have editorial responsibility. I am unable to set forth the reasons why the board of trustees no longer wish my services as editor. I am in complete ignorance what such reasons may be. I have heard of no criticism upon their part of my conduct of the journal, and my communication, handed to the board in session on December 8th, expressing my desire to be retained as editor, has not been answered.

"To the thousands of friends, to all subscribers, who may read these lines, I can only here express my most profound regret at the sudden separation. In the endeavor to aid in establishing a great independent medical journal, utterly free from publishers' influences, from commercial bias, and from what is, if possible, still worse, an unprofessional spirit within the profession, I have given my labor and my life, all too freely. What mistakes I may have made, I trust may be excused in the belief that they were due to a sincere desire to devote every