

## Correspondence.

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### Letter from Dr. Sangster.

HE REPLIES TO THE EDITORIALS IN THE "CANADIAN PRACTITIONER"—  
THE GRASPING POLICY OF THE SCHOOL MEN—THE OVERCROWDED  
PROFESSION—LOYALTY TO ALMA MATER.

*To the Editor of the CANADIAN MEDICAL REVIEW.*

SIR,—I regret that the pressure of other duties has hitherto prevented me from completing and forwarding my promised monthly letter for your next issue. As I dare hardly hope that I am yet in time, I will, with your permission, leave the continuation of the series till the November *Review* appears, and, in this, make a short though, seemingly, necessary digression.

The *Canadian Practitioner* has recently—I can imagine it was with some reluctance—published two letters of mine. Also, to the consternation of its friends, it proceeded to traverse and to garble them after the fashion approved of and practised by the *Ontario Medical Journal* before that delectable publication was privileged to "Requiescat in Hades" as my friend, Dr. James Bingham, tersely puts it. My chief purpose in addressing the readers of the *Practitioner*, through its editor, was to bring out and emphasize the fact that journals such as it and its congeners, which are established and maintained as the organs or mouthpieces of competing medical schools, cannot discuss questions of professional politics broadly or impartially—that it is vain, and, perhaps, unreasonable to expect medical school teachers and professors to so far rise above their private and corporate interests and associations, as to place the well-being of the profession otherwise than subordinate to that of the educational corporations with which they are severally identified. And furthermore, that when, as occasionally happens, one of these gentlemen ventures to pose as Mentor to the profession, or to assume the role of Censor of articles written in the interests of the medical electorate, his pretensions are apt to verge upon the ridiculous, and his criticisms become so colored by private and corporate considerations as to be, when justly appraised, worth less, except to the schools themselves, than the paper on which they are penned.