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Contributions of various descriptions are invited. We shall be glad to receive from our friends everywhere current medical news of general interest. Secretaries of County or Territorial Medical Associations will oblige by forwarding reports of the proceedings of their Associations. Physicians who do not receive their Journal regularly, or who at any time change their address, will please notify the editor to that effect.

Editorials.

PROFESSIONAL TAX A LA SANGSTER.

As usual our one reliable—by this I mean, sure-to-be-there—correspondent expends half a page in reviling (I can use no other word) us personally, by trying sarcasms and mere bombast. There is one thing very sure and very plain to anyone, that is, that Dr. Sangster needs no one to whistle for a wind for him, as he is so very well supplied with that commodity that it is a source of wonder to many how the ordinary atmospheric pressure keeps him down on this mundane sphere of ours. In fact, it would be no surprise at all to hear that he has flown to some warmer clime, where he could certainly make good merchandise out of it.

We are personally obliged to him for attempting to correct our diction, but we distinctly prefer to choose our own words, and are still satisfied with "laid" as used there.

After letting off his spleen, the doctor goes on with his arguments, if so they may be called, to prove that the Council exists principally for the sake of the schools, starting his premises from the beginning of the Council, as usual. This portion, and, as far as we can see, most of the remainder of the letter, were answered in our last issue. Our

correspondent has a very happy faculty of twisting round a statement of his own to apparently make a new argument, when it is only the old one in a new dress. We are not here for the defence of the schools, as they are very well able to carry out their own. The idea of the professional tax is not hindered in the slightest by the statement that they do not pay \$400 each for their representatives. His statement all through on that line is simply a *reductio ad absurdum*, and requires no notice on our part at all.

The knowledge displayed as to our technical schools must have been conned from other than personal experience, as the very short space of time spent at one by Dr. Sangster, and that on the other side of the boundary line, could scarcely have put so much into his brain.

There is only one more thought we wish to express in this connection, and that is as to the length of the letters. It is injudicious—both on our part, because we are using too much space, and on our correspondent's, because a three-page letter is much less likely to be read than one half as long—to allow this to go on any longer. So, with all due respect, we must request Dr. Sangster to limit his epistles to, at the most, a page and a half, which he can easily do by leaving out all personalities.