

"If you will throw that medicine out of the window, ma'am, and follow my directions exactly, I will save your child if it is not too late," is a favorite way, with gentlemen (?) of that class, undertaking a case previously treated by a brother practitioner. Such a policy, however, is short-sighted at the best, as an opportunity for retaliation must come, sooner or later, and the argument *post hoc, ergo propter hoc*, will be applied to the offenders first unsuccessful case by a host of indignant rivals.

Because we have written, as we feel, strongly, we do not wish our English and American brethren to conclude that such practices prevail almost universally among us, and that honourable professional conduct is the exception rather than the rule. But we do say that they are altogether too common, and, what is of more importance than their actual frequency, they do not meet with that condemnation from the body of the profession and the public, which they deserve, and until they do, they will always, to a greater or lesser extent be the curse of the Canadian profession. Our written code has proved powerless by itself, then let us resolve, not merely to carry it out ourselves but to unite in such a determined crusade against offenders, that self interest, which is the only way some men can be reached, will induce them to keep within such limits that our professional differences will cease to be the favorite theme for old women's gossip.

HAMILTON MEDICAL AND SURGICAL SOCIETY.

At the regular monthly meeting of the above Society, held at its room recently, among other business transacted, was the resignation of the Secretary, Dr. Mullin, whose retirement from the office is necessitated by his acceptance of a Professorship in the Victoria School of Medicine, Toronto. The following resolution in reference thereto was carried. It was moved by Dr. McKelcan, seconded by Dr. McDonald, "That the Hamilton Medical and Surgical Society regrets to receive the resignation of the office of Secretary by Dr. Mullin, in consequence of his removal to Toronto, and in accepting the same, to convey to him their cordial thanks for the efficient manner in which he performed the duties of the office for several years, and they would