

general principles; and I am extremely sorry to have occasion to impute wrong motives to your correspondent. "For," says he, "those at the head of the hospital, with characteristic modesty, would make of it a private concern, whereby to enhance their own merits in the public estimation; and by monopolizing all the medical students of Canada, make it a means of individual aggrandisement, and an avenue to fortune for themselves." Certainly this looks like jealousy. There are very few persons, in the present state of society, who are not, more or less, actuated by motives of self-interest. And, pray, where shall we look for entire disinterestedness? Not in the physician, not in the lawyer; no; nor do we find it in the divine.— Besides ambition, or a thirst for worldly aggrandisement, joined with the *amor famæ*, are found to be the main springs of human action. These serve as a perpetual incitement to the mariner, the student, and the statesman. As for their entertaining the most distant intention of "monopolizing all the medical students of Canada," it appears to me that the insinuation is truly unbecoming and preposterous. — However Mr. Editor, I should be led to apologise for trespassing upon you on this subject, did I not think its importance a sufficient excuse. I trust we shall again hear from A FRIEND TO TRUTH and, at the same time, that he will appear somewhat milder in his next epistle, or I should say to him

*Quid ille quoque viro, et cui dicas saepe caveto.*

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\* I have omitted some observations here respecting the conduct of former medical boards, which being to the same purpose as those made by A FRIEND TO TRUTH, it would have been but little else than repetition to insert. With regard to the views of the medical managers of the hospital, whatever they may be, it is most evident, that the inevitable consequence of their exclusive privileges must be a monopoly of the whole medical education of the country. This is very shrewdly pointed out by A FRIEND TO TRUTH; and has also been convincingly demonstrated in a series of letters which appeared in the *Spectateur Canadien*, under the signature of UN MEDECIN, which are worthy of attentive consideration. I. L. M.

MR. MACCULLOH,

I have lately observed with regret that your paper has been the vehicle, thro' which the enemies of an institution tending to promote the welfare of the public, have made known their diabolical spirit. None has surprised me more than the "preaching of Jonah," (*Scribbler*, No. 91.) In the first place he has asserted that our Augustus Cæsar has been very easily duped, in which he shews the great respect he has for his excellency. Secondly, he says that his excellency has no knowledge of the