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De ejus deliberatione et consultatione quartimus.

CICERO.

Let us now collect and record the debates and proceedings that have taken place.

LETTER ON THE MEDICAL BOARDS, *Continued.*

Ask "the president" as he styles himself, of the Quebec medical board, if what I have said relative to his withholding his certificate from his co-adjutor's shopboy until he had received one for his own apprentice, is untrue or otherwise? But save yourself the trouble of enquiring of the other, as he is in the habit of pleading that he has a *bad memory*.

You, most pithy Phineas, would, much to your honour and humanity, "kick out" of your examining room, "fools and numskulls," who are in reality, objects of compassion, though very unfit for the profession, to the study of which certain conscientious gentlemen may have induced them, *from the love of the fee!* But, "kick out" also, my good sir, drunkards, blackguards, upstarts, and all those whose main characteristics are, foppery and frivolity, and you will deserve well of a hitherto injured public.

Here I wish to turn round, and will put it to You, Mr. Editor, as a man well versed in "the lore of men and things," and to all just men, whether it can be right that the medical officers of the Montréal general hospital, should be the *sole* examiners for the district? Especially as these gentlemen have, in a *lengthy, modest, and WELL WRITTEN* advertisement, asserted that there was heretofore no means of acquiring a knowledge of the profession, here in Canada; which they now propose to impart, in great perfection, in the medical school which they have established; and they further declare that no candidate shall pass their ordeal, if in *their* estimation he is not well qualified. Hence, is not the conclusion that it is natural to draw from such premises, that they will admit to the practice of the profession, none but their own élèves, to the exclusion of all others?

For my part I do not see any just reason why medical students should not be examined in the same manner as those of lawyers and notaries are; whose examination is public, and to whom every member of the profession has the privilege of proposing questions; and the consequence of this wise regulation