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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.

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Editorials.

ENLIGHTENMENT BY THE "FARMER'S SUN."

Just on going to press we have had sent to us an issue of the *Farmer's Sun*, the organ of the Patrons of Industry. Two of its pages are taken up with an arraignment of the Medical Council, warranted by the resolution passed by the Patrons at their last meeting, and based on the letters of the different members of the Medical Defence Association. This copy, we understand, has been sent broadcast to the medical profession of the province, evidently with the intention of influencing the electorate at the coming medical elections. At least this is the only possible reason we can see for it, as such a sheet as this *Farmer's Sun* decidedly cannot have any interest to an educated body. We have not the slightest doubt but that many of the Patrons, of whom it professes to be the organ, simply toss it into the waste-paper basket as so much useless truck, feeling that their time would be thrown away by taking it up with such matter.

We are rather surprised, with our knowledge of the writers (they are medical men who have been disciplined by the Council for wrongful acts), at the rather peculiar method, to say the least of it, in which this article is made up. Quotations from

other men's letters, from the Medical Act and its amendments, reports of the Medical Council itself, and last, and sad to say, from that immaculate and straightforward (?) paper, *The Mail*. We would certainly have thought that their gift of phraseology was quite large enough, in lines good, bad and indifferent, from medical ethics to horse-racing, to have filled these pages without the aid of other men who had written before, and especially irresponsible editorial matter.

There is no rhyme or reason to doubt that the greatest part of this article was inspired by the Medical Defence men. Quotations big as a house; arguments on the exact line; phrases and expression which in the last two years have been used over and over again, all show on the face of it where these writers got their material.

It is a great truth, one which no one can gainsay—if we may be forgiven for using an old, old adage—that "There is nothing new under the Sun," and never was this borne out better than by these two pages. All these old remarks were used before. All these old arguments have been cast at us many times, though maybe occasionally twisted beyond recognition, and all have been answered, in fact, several times to try and keep pace with our old friend Dr. Sangster's pen. And here we have them again in the columns of a twopenny-halfpenny weekly newspaper!