

Dr. Jackson made some very apt and appropriate remarks on the desirableness of a concert of action; he remarked that every thing that was done should be characterized by earnestness. We have a quasi reputation that must be sustained. The interests of Eclectics must be identified. The Medical Journal should be sustained, and not be dependant on the donation of its friends. He thought that the attempt to preserve the technicalities in Medical Science was a severe burlesque; common people should receive light, and in such terms as they can read and understand it. The minds of patients should not be befogged; should not be addressed in barbarous Latin, but in an understandable language. The laws and functions of our being should be so clearly described that all may not be mistaken with reference to them. The strength of the Eclectics is in the people, and the medium to reach the people is the Journal. He said that he belonged to the Hydropathic School, and that its medium was the Hydropathic Journal. The writers of it are men of sound philosophy, but they write clearly, so that the people can understand what they read; and it extends from Maine to Georgia. The Eclectics desire to have the Medical Journal go into families, that all may become interested in it. Let the language be clear, plain, and though scientific, yet understandable.

Dr. Hadley thought that every Eclectic physician would desire to have the people, by whom he is surrounded, acquainted with the laws of life; and if they would only make a little effort to get subscribers for the Journal, it would not only prove a source of benefit to the reader, but would have a reflex influence on the practitioner himself.

Dr. Reuben heartily approved of the proposed changes in the Journal, to make it more like a Family Magazine, but he did not like the idea of disclaiming technical terms altogether. He knew that there was much senseless jargon and pretensions to science in medicine, but on this account we should not throw aside all scientific terms, because then we should have no appropriate terms with which to clothe our ideas. He would have all extraneous terms lopped off, and physicians speak in Anglo Saxon to their patients; yet, in expressing ourselves scientifically, we must have some technicalities, as in all the other departments of knowledge. The following resolutions were then read and accepted:

Resolved, That as reformers in medicine, we do find in the progress of liberal views and the removal of legislative restrictions upon our freedom, which has been realized in the past, sincere cause for congratulation; and