

Nevertheless, I lay no claim to the meekness of a Moses, and if for some reason one correspondent is permitted to luxuriate in personal warfare, no doubt with your usual equity you will permit his opponent to indulge in the same delectable pastime, at least to the extent of defending himself.

Yours, etc.,

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Decoying Young Men Into the Profession.

To the Editor of the CANADIAN MEDICAL REVIEW :

SIR—I was at a loss some time ago to comprehend the meaning of a little dodger, which some one was kind enough to send me, bearing at its head the name of one of our medical schools ; but thanks to the REVIEW and to some of its correspondents I have since learned that this unique production was intended to do duty in decoying young men into the profession, as copies had been placed upon the desks of students writing on their final at the last examination of the medical school named at the head of the dodger.

What a bright idea ! Oh, shades of Hodder, how thou must blush if thou could'st but witness the business push of some of your old associates !

When one considers the many traps to draw young men into the profession of medicine—which long ago has been filled to overflowing—is it to be wondered at that every now and then some one in its ranks is tempted into risking his freedom, and in many instances even his life and that of his patients, in order to make ends meet and to keep the wolf from the door ? In view of this, is it not about time the profession should rise in its might and petition the Legislature to snuff out any medical school, or institution, which permits any of its staff to induce young men to abandon other honorable pursuits to enter the profession of medicine to starve ? The duty of every member of the profession should be to put a check to this without delay. The Defence Association has a number of active and influential men in its ranks, who, if they go about it and act with determination, the Lord help any government that would venture to turn a deaf ear to their prayer. Other methods, too, might be worked to advantage. Let members of the profession adopt the boycott system.

Scarcely a member of the profession who has not an opportunity every year of putting one or more good fat fees in the way of the professors of our colleges. Let the medical men in future take care