

sesses a value and an influence equal with that of any on this continent, and of most of the Universities of Great Britain; and so long as the University is guided by the same principles which have hitherto characterised it, and from which we perceive no dereliction, its degrees will continue to enjoy the same value and the same influence, long after their slanderer has been buried in his kindred dust. We place the foregoing facts in opposition to the assertions of the *Colonist*, and we permit it to digest them as best it may.

The *Colonist* may be a very excellent, or a very indifferent, political paper, for aught we either know or care; but the wisest as well as the most ignorant may still learn something. *Ne sutor ultra crepidam* contains a germ of wisdom of great practical value, which we particularly commend to its careful attention; but if, peradventure, with even its slender acquaintance with medical matters, it still desires to turn medical reformer, let it commence its operations at home, and it will find something congenial to its taste, and not beyond its comprehension, in the closing paragraph of our article addressed to it in our December number, and upon which it has as yet maintained a significant silence.

◀ *The Incorporated School of Medicine, Quebec.*—By an unintentional oversight, for which we tender our apology, we omitted in our last to draw attention to the opening course of lectures at this institution. As a surgical school, it stands unequalled on this continent, in consequence of the splendid facilities for studying that branch of the profession afforded at the Marine Hospital, in which a large proportion of the cases admitted during the summer season are of this class—a circumstance due to the immense concourse of seamen to the port during that period of the year.

The circular of the school, which we have lately received, announces that the Marine Hospital contains 250 beds; that during the season about 1500 cases are admitted, of which from 400 to 500 are the most instructive and important surgical kind. During the summer of 1846, there were admitted 72 cases of fractures, among which were, fracture of the thigh, 10; of the leg, 16; of the pelvis, 2; of the skull 13, and of other minor descriptions, 31. The operations performed during that season were those of amputation, lithotomy, hernia, trephine, ligatures of arteries, removal of head of the humerus, and of various tumours, &c. Besides which, clinical instruction is given, and access afforded to a library of the best standard works.

As far as this Province is now concerned, students of medicine have no lack of means of professional information, and they ought not to slight them. We earnestly call their attention, as well as that of medical men generally, having the control of their studies, to the facilities afforded in our sister city; and we do not think we exaggerate in the least in stating, that between the schools of Montreal and Quebec, a means is afforded to students of acquiring a practical knowledge of their profession, both medical and surgical, which is unequalled on this continent, bidding fair for successful competition

with those of any of the most favoured cities of the American Union.

Meeting of the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

—On the 9th of this month, the corporation of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada will assemble for the purpose of adopting a code of by-laws for its government. These by-laws having been duly considered by the Montreal and Quebec committees, appointed at the last meeting of the Board of Governors, have been printed, and copies distributed to every member. As we have every reason to know that the committees were actuated, in the work with which they were entrusted, by a spirit of the utmost liberality, it is not too much to hope that their proceedings will be met with a kindred sentiment; and that the members, in any amendments which they may deem it advisable to suggest, will be animated by one desire only, the furtherance of the best interests of that institution whose conservators they are, and should be. The present is the time for concert of action. The business of the corporation cannot be carried on without by-laws, and the establishment of such a code is a matter of intrinsic importance. Whatever may be the opinions entertained of the legal constitution of the present Board of Governors, and opinions on this point are openly expressed, is a question which ought to have no influence whatever upon the passing of the code of by-laws. They are two separate and independent questions, bearing not the slightest connection the one with the other. We sincerely trust that the meeting will be characterized by unanimity, and that there will be a total absence of all factious proceedings. We believe that a large number of physicians will leave this city for the meeting; and, entertaining the idea of the supreme importance of the proceedings to the profession generally, we trust that there will be a large afflux of members from all parts of the Province. Ignorant of the extent to which the proposed code of by-laws may be amended, we consider their publication at present a sacrifice of space in our columns. We may observe, however, that it is intended to throw the college open for the period of six months, for the enregistration of every member of the profession who may desire to be incorporated; but that after that period new members will have to submit to certain forms proposed under the circumstances. In our next issue we will publish the proceedings at the meeting, and the code as it may be amended.

Montreal General Hospital.—The late Chief Justice Reid, one of the warmest and oldest friends of this institution, bequeathed a large sum of money, sufficient for the building of another wing to the hospital, to be erected after the decease of his widow. This lady, largely partaking of the liberality which prompted the act of her lamented husband, has determined upon its immediate erection, and has already ordered the necessary preparatory excavation. This additional structure will in all probability be completed this summer, and will be designated the "Reid wing," as the other has been the "Richardson wing." This valuable institution, one of the finest hospitals on this continent, has been singularly favoured within the last few years. The