

to the Profession in all public appointments, and opposition to monopolies which unfortunately exist in the Professional as well as in the Mercantile world. We look to the general profession of this rapidly growing and extending Dominion to aid us in the establishment of the *Record*, and, to place it within the reach of all, we have put the subscription at the low rate of two dollars a year. We hope that many at least of those whom it has been our pleasure to reach through the columns of the old *Journal* will still extend to us their patronage, and we promise them a live *Journal*, well up to the times, and thoroughly independent in its character. The shape we have adopted has much to commend it, being that of the most successful Medical Journals both in Europe and the United States. Although only twenty-four pages, the amount of matter it contains is quite equal to a forty-eight page *Journal* of the old *Canada Medical Journal* size.

From our friends we solicit contributions of cases, and indeed any items of medical news. We intend to keep the Canadian Profession informed as to what is going on in the Medical world.

THE CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

On the 11th of September next, the Canadian Medical Association will assemble in the City of Montreal, for the fifth annual time in Convention, when we trust to see gathered from every part of our now extensive Dominion many at least of those who have the honor and the welfare of our Profession at heart. Although at the time we write no active preparations have been made for the entertainment of those who will so soon be our guests, we know that on this score those who may attend will not leave our fair city without carrying away with them a good opinion of the hospitality of its physicians. But, although we are looking forward to much pleasant social intercourse at the approaching meeting, it is well that we should bear prominently in mind, that a very serious duty awaits the members of the Association, and that upon the action of this meeting, to a very great extent, will depend its future success. Started at Quebec in 1867, with an enthusiasm which surprised even its most enthusiastic supporters, the meetings which followed at Montreal, Toronto, and then Ottawa came fully up to expectation. But last year at Quebec, although the more than princely hospitality of the Medical men of that city in 1867 must have left upon the minds of those who were present the most pleasant recollections, still the attendance was

not what it should have been, nor was the same interest shown by those who were present as was observable in former years. After the organization of the meeting, members seemed to have lost all interest in the proceedings, and the Medical Bill was discussed by a few, while the great body of the Association felt that the proceedings were not only tiresome, but that some of the scenes enacted were not worthy of a Convention composed of members of the Medical Profession. Of the vast importance of the Bill itself, no one who has closely studied the position of our Profession in all the Provinces of the Dominion, will deny. The grand feature of the scheme, the Central Examining Board, would at once give a rank and standing to our Profession, which cannot be attained by any other means. The determined hostility, however, which has beset this measure, first at Ottawa and subsequently at Quebec, caused almost the entire time of the Association to be occupied in its discussion, and, as a consequence, the purely scientific, and, to the great majority of its members, the really interesting part of the proceedings were so curtailed, as practically to render useless such papers as were produced. So strong was the feeling upon this point at Quebec last year that, by consent almost unanimous, it was agreed that for the last time the Medical Bill should be produced at Montreal for discussion, and whatever fate should attend it, henceforth the Canadian Medical Association would devote its energies in a channel more congenial to the tastes of the great majority of those who have with regularity attended every meeting. Such being the decision which was arrived at, we trust that every member will study the details of the Bill, which has been scattered broadcast, we might say, over the country, before coming to Montreal, and be prepared to deal fairly and honestly with the measure, when its discussion is again renewed. If the feeling is that its ideas are too advanced for the age in which we live, let us lock it away in a casket, and in years hence, when it is unlocked and the Bill taken from thence and adopted, as in time we believe it will, our children will wonder that their parents were so foolish as to push from them that which promised so much for their welfare..

Whatever action is intended to be taken upon the Bill will we hope be attended to in the early meetings of the Association, for if members leave Montreal as thoroughly dissatisfied with the work done as they did at Quebec, we fear that it will not be long before we would have to write an epitaph for the Canadian Medical Association. If, on the other hand, time be given for the reading and proper dis-