

and the infirmary in the Journal, one of the Editors having signed the petition.

If the writer of the article takes the trouble to inquire of my standing as a surgeon among my confrères, both English and French, he would find that they are not only so satisfied with my skill, as to have placed members of their own families in my hands to undergo most delicate and dangerous operations, but have also recommended their own patients, when suffering from those diseases which I treat, to come to me.

As to my advertising, following two of the most intricate branches of my profession, a specialty which can only be brought before the public by such means, no surgeon of respectability could find fault with it, as it does not clash with any of the interests of, nor does it detract from the high standing of our noble profession. I remain yours,

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REMARKS.—In the article referred to, we did not judge nor ridicule the petition for aid to a charitable institution “designed solely for the suffering poor.” We exercised the right of every public journalist of criticizing a public petition.

We do not think that the writer of the above has any reason for asserting that the knowledge possessed by the medical staff of our hospitals is of so ordinary a character that the best interests of those afflicted with eye or ear diseases, would in any way suffer at their hands. This is more especially the case, as it was at one of these institutions where “the knowledge of diseases of the eye and ear, must of necessity be only of a general character,” that Dr. Thayer, laid the ground work, of whatever practical skill he may possess. Furthermore, it is rather ungenerous on his part to the members of the medical staff of the Hotel Dieu, the greater number of whom, he declares, signed his petition.

The doctor need not seek for a cause, as there was no desire on our part to injure him personally; but inasmuch as the petition contained an assertion that there was no institution in this city where diseases of the eye and ear could be treated, we were bound to make a contrary statement in view of the fact, that the governors of the Montreal General Hospital, at the suggestion of the medical staff, had made alterations in, and allotted three wards specially for diseases of this class.

With regard to one of the editors of this journal having signed the petition, the Journal has nothing whatever to do. We presume he exercised his right as a private individual to do as he pleased in the matter; that he did not in any way commit the journal by his act, is self evident from the article which appeared in the last number.

As to the question of advertising, we need only refer Dr. Thayer to the Code of Medical Ethics, adopted by the Canadian Medical Association in September last.