

most profitable, have really no spare time to bestow on matters outside their heavy daily routine; and some of them may be suffering under that golden pethora, which so often narcotizes the mental powers even of those who once gave promise of high public usefulness.

A few, possibly, lack inclination to identify themselves with any enterprise in which their juniors are to be active co-partners. There may be others who already sit on so lofty a perch, that even an occasional descent into fellowship with the combless fledglings of the barn yard, would be a compromise of dignity nothing short of professional suicide.

You must neither feel angry with such outsiders, nor weep over their misfortune. Perhaps some of them may in time repent, and when they see that you are a real, live, strong and full-blooded thing, they may not feel ashamed to recognize you. There is an old and very significant proverb, which says:—"When you are able to swim, many will offer to hold you up by the chin." Swim clear of such benefactors in dangerous waters, for some of them may need your aid more than you do theirs.

Do I address any one who has come through ever so little of life without having learned the meaning of those chilling words, "a cold shoulder?" If any such angel is now within hearing, I would like immensely that he would step to the front and let us all have a square look at his smooth forehead and smile-clad face, for he must be something more than mortal, and not much less than devil. Never yet was there ushered into life any enterprise, great or small, however successful it ultimately proved, but had to encounter many a cold shoulder. What of that? The cold shoulder of Dr. Lardner, and a thousand of his admirers, did not kill ocean steam navigation. The Atlantic cable is to-day a mighty living fact, despite the croakings of the birds of ill omen. Many a cold shoulder had Hamilton Merritt to meet before the first sod of the Welland canal was cut; and which of you has not read of the tribulation of that greatest of earthly benefactors to humanity—the immortal Dr. Jenner?

A strong shoulder, governed by a strong will and a fixed purpose, will overpower a regiment of cold shoulders. Have you courage to exert yours? Then say them to the wheel and Jupiter will help you; Jupiter always helps those who help themselves, but he will not move a finger to help those who expect him to do all the dragging.

I am sure it is quite unnecessary that I should have to remind you, that the declared object and the sole legitimate purpose of your organization is the discussion of scientific subjects, and that your earnest desire is to advance your own mutual improvement in the healing art. All matters or questions, foreign to these noble ends, must ever be excluded from your proceedings; and all unpleasant feelings arising from professional misunder-

standings or difficulties must be left outside the door of your assembly room. Each of you may love his Cæsar or his Pompey as ardently as he likes, but here he must love Rome more. Here let all know and feel that we stand on a brotherly, catholic platform, and that we are resolved to ignore all the lines and limits of sectionality.

And, finally, gentlemen, if you earnestly and honourably carry out your initiatory resolution, and devote to your meetings as much time as your professional exigencies will permit, I now, on the threshold of your existence, predict that your Society will live to do honour to its founders, to the profession of medicine, and to the classic city by whose name you have most appropriately called it.

Dr. Grasset exhibited a very interesting pathological preparation of a perforating ulcer of the stomach, giving at the same time a graphic history of the case dating back many years. Dr. Cameron presented a specimen of uterine fibroid extruded after long continued administration of *secale cornutum*. Dr. Alt read a long and able paper on a successful operation for endothelial tumor of the orbit, attended with epileptic convulsions, the convulsions ceasing after the removal of the globe. Dr. Zimmerman, Canniff and other members promised papers for the next meeting.

ERIE AND NIAGARA ELECTORAL DIVISION MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—A Medical Association for this division was formed at Caledonia on 22 inst. The following are the officers elected.

President, Dr. Henwood, Brantford.

Vice-Presidents.—For Haldimand, Dr. Hillyer, Caledonia; for Brant, Dr. Dee, Tuscarora; for Lincoln, Dr. Jukes, St. Catharines; for Monk, Dr. McCallum, Dunnville; for Welland, Dr. Schooley, Welland. Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. William T. Harris, Brantford.

Amongst other matters attended to at the first meeting was the examination and approval of tariffs and fees which were presented from Brant, and Haldimand, which tariffs the secretary was requested to have submitted to the medical council at its next meeting. The question of the desirability of forming a Provincial Medical Association for Ontario with city and country branches, was brought before the society by Dr. Griffin of Brantford, and a resolution was passed approving of this step. The President, Drs. Baxter, and Griffin, were appointed a committee to communicate with