

attending medical officer to deliver a certain number of clinical lectures during each and every year. At the same time we think the gentlemen delivering the lectures should be allowed to charge a fee for their trouble, and that all students should be admitted to the lectures on payment of the fee. We care not whether all be compelled to lecture in the hospital free of charge, or all be allowed to charge and collect a fee—only, let us have the lectures.

We do not think it possible, however, to carry out the proposed scheme with the present large staff, without creating jealousy on the part of those who might not come before the students during the winter session; and when we find a staff of only eight men connected with the Middlesex Hospital and its 310 beds, we feel more convinced than ever that a staff of four could, with very little inconvenience to themselves, give all the attendance requisite for the in-patients in the present state of our hospital. Therefore, if the staff were divided, and, say, four men were constituted an Attending or Domestic staff, with the periods of consecutive attendance extended to four or six weeks, then each man would, after two weeks' admitting, accumulate cases enough to illustrate his lectures, while, for perhaps two weeks after his term expired, he would still have material enough on hand for the same purpose. And if the other four men of the present staff were appointed to take charge of the out-patients, and recommend for admission those requiring domestic treatment, they would also be enabled to afford a great deal of clinical instruction, of the most useful and practical kind, and save much time for the attending staff; while, for the sake of distinction, they might be known as the Dispensing or Central staff, holding equal rank with the admitting physicians, and all being summoned, with the consulting staff, whenever consultations were required.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

In common with most periodicals, it is our rule to take no notice of anonymous communications; but for once we feel inclined to break the rule, and give the public the information "A Subscriber" is so anxious they should possess.

The letters L. F. P. & S., G., mean—Licentiate of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow.

That is the information required, and could easily have been obtained from the Medical Register. We suppress all particulars, because the whole thing is evidently an attempt on the part of

one medical man, and it is not the first he has made, to injure another.

We can make a pretty shrewd guess as to the author, and can assure him that he must go elsewhere than to the *Dominion Medical Journal* for assistance in schemes of that description.

We have received several letters from subscribers, complaining that their subscriptions have not been acknowledged in the February number. With this we have nothing to do, as we merely publish the list forwarded by Dr. Brock to us. But, as we understand it, Dr. Brock only intended to acknowledge those who paid since the transfer of the journal; and all those who have written to us stand on our books marked by Dr. Brock, *paid*, at that time.

Any additional information, or if necessary a receipt, can doubtless be obtained from Dr. Brock, Box 670, Toronto.

We acknowledge in another column, the receipt of a number of original communications, some of which, from want of space, we are obliged to withhold for the present, and those published, we have been obliged, very unwillingly, to curtail considerably. We would take this opportunity of urging upon subscribers the necessity of extending our circulation as rapidly as possible, so as to enable us to make the necessary improvements at the close of this volume. We have material enough every month to fill a journal twice the size. But to accomplish this, we must have the support of the entire profession.

CANADA HEALTH JOURNAL.

It seems we, albeit quite unintentionally, misrepresented in our last issue the character of this periodical, when we supposed it to be the exponent of the views of the Homoeopaths. The editor writes to inform us that it is "intended for popular reading mainly, in the interests of hygiene and mental and physical culture." He also goes on to say. "It does not enter into the arena of disputed therapeutics, and has among its subscribers more physicians belonging to the allopathic than any other school of medicine."

We make this correction with pleasure, and beg to assure the editor at the same time that we made the statement in no disparaging way, but merely stated what, at the time, we believed to be the case. We wish the JOURNAL every success, and have great pleasure in putting it on our list of exchanges.