

course aware of the utter impossibility of proving. perhaps two years afterwards, a medical visit to a person you do not know even by sight; yet, if the person is dishonest enough to dispute the charge, you have no remedy—you must lose it.

I have always thought it advisable that medical men should be obliged to register themselves in the township where they reside, and the Town Clerk to publish yearly a list of licensed practitioners residing in the township. This would be a check on those who were not legally qualified. There are numbers of female quacks who practise all over the country, and are a great nuisance; I do not mean by attending obstetric patients, but by attending common cases of disease. I beg you will excuse my troubling you with these remarks, and remain yours truly,

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*To the Editors of the U. C. Medical and Physical Journal.*

GENTLEMEN,—To a person who, from being plunged into the solitude of the backwoods, may be supposed to have weakened in some measure the literary and professional ties which bound him to his favourite study, when within reach of the periodical scientific literature of the day, the appearance of your excellent Journal was like an oasis in the desert.

But there are higher grounds than these, arising from mere personal considerations, which should make the members of the Medical Profession in Upper Canada hail the advent of your periodical as a bright era in its history. I allude to its forming a bond of union which has not hitherto existed in this part of the Province among medical men; an organ for the expression of their opinions upon professional and scientific subjects—a means by which the character and standing of our members can be elevated—in short, the instrument which *must* be used to effect those salutary reforms which are universally acknowledged to be so necessary. Without making any invidious selections from the large number of original communications with which your first number abounds, permit me to offer my humble testimony to the talent and research which they all evince, as well as the many useful practical lessons they convey. I may, perhaps, however, be allowed to allude more particularly to that part of your leading article which announces a meeting of the profession on the 2nd of May, for the purposes of incorporation. My distance from Toronto, and the difficulty of communication at this early season, will prevent my being present upon that important occasion, *in propria persona*, but I assure you that in so far as your deliberations accord with my views as to the means of upholding the dignity of our profession, you may at all times command my humble