

or not such exclamations and exaggeration of paltry trivialities, are such as would carry conviction to the mind of any candid reader. We do not fear their honest judgment.

Your correspondent suggests, that I may need the aid of friends to raise a "blush." That he should expect this after his wrongful language is not surprising. A sensitive man usually colors at unjust accusations. In this case, however, I *will not* "blush," nor will I trouble my friends to do so for me. I, as well as your readers, know the accuser.

There are men who "blush" from conscious wrong-doing. Most men, when convicted of attempting to deceive with half truths and with making and distorting facts, would indicate some remaining sensibility with a blush. Though your correspondent occupies this position nothing of the kind will be expected from him. Neither his enemies nor his friends believe that at any period, for more than two decades, was he capable of such evidence of sensibility, no matter how great the moral obliquity, nor how forcibly brought home to him.

He intimates that "when a man is caught in a quagmire," and wishes to save himself from sinking deeper and deeper into the ooze, all authorities agree that the best method is to "*keep quiet*," in the hope that his friends may come to his rescue. The doctor finds himself in this unfortunate position, but is ashamed to take the advice of the authorities. He hints to his friends, but they allow it to go unheeded. He has, then, no hope but to flounder on and on, and rust that time and chance may bring some means of escape. True, when he commenced his letter-writing he hoped to rehabilitate himself with the public and the profession, and had he been more discreet his position might have been improved; but with his calling names, his brag and bluster, he still remains the same John H. Sangster.

Mr. Editor, if I understood your announcement of some months since, the meeting of the Medical Council is to terminate the personal encounter between its members, in so far as your journal is concerned. That, while correspondence, in brief form, touching Council matters, will always be welcomed, it must be confined to the Council's business or policy, and must be courteously expressed. Your readers, if not your writers, will commend your decision. Personalities, no matter how vigorously written, neither please nor edify. To the writers they are a subject for regret. To many a man, however, a time comes when it would be poltroonery not to meet on his own ground and deal with the veriest swaggering bully. This is my excuse for so far trespassing on your generosity. I hope to have no further cause.