

even mentioned in our universities has been, and is, to me an unsolved problem. If the history of the master-minds in medicine were taught (as should medical ethics be equally taught), professional respect and honor would be better respected and fakirism silenced.

From ten confrères I learn that six take one Canadian and two American medical journals; four take American journals only; only two of the above are taking the same Canadian journal. The American journals most preferred are those of the dollar-a-year order and monthly, have fifteen or more brief articles by correspondents. The American journal that advertises its own proprietary medicines and sends pin-cushions and cheap chromos to the doctors and vest-pocket samples to preachers and school-masters, and sends its journals to drug stores for sale, is an almanac of the worst kind, even if it has now and then some foolish doctor's photo and titles among its first pages; it is a wolf in sheep's clothing; no one among us takes it. I am brief.

These reflections are but thoughts, to which thoughts but briefly refer. For pointed and pithy paragraphs, or aphorisms, or brief articles, are such as we more especially admire, and such are more frequently read and arouse attention and comment generally benign and confirmatory, and the surprise is that so few among us, even the most scholarly and experienced, cannot find a leisure moment in the "swirl of time and tide" for the composition of an article which would possibly cheer some perplexed brother and otherwise enrich our journalistic literature, which in purity and freedom from licentious character is so markedly superior to many of the cheap American medical journals of medicine. Let the love of our profession, not self, wield your pen in the uplifting and maintenance of our interests, as have our enemies. And we M.D.'s have even been regarded as easy marks, even victims, for the collection-agency schemer and other countless frauds, and even for the traitors among our confrères.

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