

other words every medical man may practice according to any theory he pleases. Hence I think that the most conscientious of us will feel that we are not defrauding the present or future recipients of these advanced theories by such a measure, and I think we may succeed in convincing parliamentary candidates, possessed of even a homœopathic amount of common sense, that we are not injuring the public nor the future practitioner, by seeing that he understands medicine in general, and that we do not prevent him from passing onwards to institutions where he may learn the mysteries of *similia* and still more about *herbs*. Our success will be the more certain, if we show a firm determination to use our influence, as a body, for men who are willing to listen to what we have to say. We have the power, if we only *choose* to wield it.

I may state that the proposed Dominion Bill, when finally moulded, is to be presented to the Dominion Parliament at its next session, there to be passed, subject to the approval of the Local Legislatures of the several Provinces. Dr. Tupper is sanguine of its success, if medical men will only interest themselves in the matter. He is good authority as to the technical feasibility of the undertaking.

I may further add, that the Bill will be finally submitted at the next meeting of the Canada Medical Association. The membership of the Association is open to all regular practitioners; and if any are not suited in the framing of the Bill, it will be their own fault. Let members of the profession unanimously oppose the election of candidates who have despised us in the past. If the medical men of any constituency have strong counter feelings in non-medical politics, let each vote for his own candidate, on the condition that that candidate will listen to reason in medical matters. Having shown ourselves alive in the matter, let us then go, next September, to Quebec, and get a Bill to suit us all,—agreeing to waive minor differences,—to give and take. Then let us push it as a body. We can succeed, if we will.

Your going to press the day after the commencement of the coming elections, has obliged me to steal one of the small hours after midnight to write these few hasty remarks. Hoping however, that even in their drowsy style they may awaken your readers to energetic action,

I remain,

yours sincerely,

WM. OLDRIGHT.