

This assertion may be proved in two individuals who, without having obtained their Medical Education in Europe, are still an ornament to their Profession: the one a Physician in the city of Quebec, and the other a Surgeon in the city of Montreal. It would not be delicate for me to say more to their praise, but I have no doubt that their merits shall be duly appreciated.

It is also with infinite satisfaction that I have read the *Quebec Medical Journal*. This work, although in its infancy, is extremely well conducted; and I do not hesitate to say that the talents and activity of its young but indefatigable author, imperiously point out the interest which the Profession should place in its success, and I sincerely wish that the country at large may give him all the encouragement and support to which he is entitled for such a laudable undertaking.

Being about leaving again my native country, without, altogether deserting it, allow me, gentlemen, to assure you that nothing will gratify me so much as to have an opportunity of being serviceable to you, in the place where I am to remain. But I cannot leave you without taking the liberty of recommending you a *prescription*, which experience has pronounced the only specific for individuals or corporations. It only implies one word, *Union*. This word has lately been very popular, and is not altogether new to us. No one can better appreciate than yourselves, the beneficial advantages resulting from a perfect understanding and constant union among the members of our Profession. The spirit of party which unfortunately pervades all classes of society in Canada; the personal animosities and petty jealousies which sometimes are to be met with in practice, may be reckoned the most insuperable barriers to the honour and interest of the profession, which otherwise would acquire the utmost importance, particularly since the influence of intruders seems to have considerably diminished, and when the public, and also the head of the government, seem disposed to contribute to our advancement.

Under such favorable auspices, I cannot too earnestly urge the necessity of cultivating a constant harmony, and I would humbly suggest, that this day, which I never can forget, should mark the epoch of an anniversary dinner, as is customary in all populous and well regulated cities, in order to procure to the Members of the Medical Profession, an opportunity of meeting in a body, and thereby cementing a friendly and durable union. It is in the enjoyment of a good repast, and where