

life be at the mercy of an uneducated horde?

A few medical men met together last month and formed a society, to be called, "The Leeds and Grenville Medical Association;" its objects may be gleaned from the Constitution below; and it is to be hoped similar Associations will, without delay, be formed throughout the Province. United, we are able to carry the necessary measures for the protection of our rights. Apathetic and careless, our interests will undoubtedly be lost sight of and sacrificed.

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*Extract from the Constitution of the Leeds and Grenville Medical Association.*

"The Association shall consist of the regularly licensed practitioners of this and the adjoining Counties, who shall exhibit to the proper officer of the Association satisfactory evidence of qualification to practice, and who shall subscribe to the Constitution.

The objects of the Association shall be the uniting together of Medical men for their mutual protection; for the communication with each other of such matters as may be of interest to the Profession; for the suppression of Empiricism in whatever form it may present itself; and, generally, for the advancement of the Profession, and the promotion of cordiality and good feeling amongst its members.

The meetings of the Association shall be held on the first Wednesdays of February, May, August, and November, and shall be held in rotation at Brockville, Prescott, Farmersville, and North Augusta. It shall be the duty of the President, or in his absence, of one of the Vice-Presidents, to take the chair at each meeting, carefully preserving order, and excluding from discussion all subjects of a political or sectarian character—this Association holding as a fixed principle that medical men should not engage in any party contests, nor assist in the election of any candidate for office or Parliamentary honors, whose vote or opinion is likely to conflict with the interests of the Profession."

The above extract will serve to shew the general bearing and tenor of the As-

sociation. A President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, have been elected; the meetings are held at the most convenient points in the District for obviating the difficulty of medical men leaving their patients so often in the year, and it is to be hoped much good will result from this union. T. R.

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*The Upper Canada Journal.*—Two months have elapsed since we have received the usual exchange from this journal, and we cannot discover that even the number which should have been issued on the 15th of November, has made its appearance in this city even to subscribers—now a fortnight over due. Is our juvenile contemporary unwell? We should much regret these early tokens of decay, if they be such, and would respectfully offer a prescription, couched in the language of a medical sage, and admirably adapted to such cases: "*Rest, a spare diet, and mental quietude*;" or, as our old friend, Dr. Winder, would say: "Be tranquil, I pray you, be tranquil!"

#### OBITUARY.

At Lacolle, of typhus fever, on the 25th Oct. last, aged 35 years, Henry T. Lord, Esq., late Assistant Surgeon, Provincial Cavalry.

At Vittoria, Adam McKay, M.D., aged 32. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of "death from voluntarily taking strychnine," under the influence of temporary mental derangement. He was a native of Dumfries, Scotland.

At Bytown, on the 4th ult., Achille Beaubien, Esq., aged 26 years, after a short but painful illness.

#### BOOKS RECEIVED.

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