

you are slandered, but the crime is yours, and not mine. In addition to what I have already advanced, I will inform you of another circumstance, which will prove how well your Quebec friends deserve the encomiums you bestow upon them. The former medical board of Montreal refused, with great propriety, to pass a young man, who had, in reality, studied, (if even it could be called study,) but a few months. This youth, arrogant as ignorant, immediately embarked for Quebec, where, through the influence of a *relative well versed in the secrets of the province*, he was passed, and obtained his license! Pray, most judicious Phineas, how does the honour and fair reputation of these much injured Quebecers now stand?

It is as singular as unfortunate that the only person who should have been expelled from the Montreal medical board, for partiality, was the only one retained, and placed withal, at the head of the new board. Have the goodness, Phineas, to ask this gentleman, whether he did not pass a young man, (a half pay officer,) who had neither contract nor agreement to shew that he had served a regular apprenticeship to the profession; but in the stead of those very necessary documents, he was the bearer of three or four letters of recommendation, by whose magical effect, he passed, after a very cursory examination; and this same examiner employs all his talents in torturing those candidates to whom he is averse. It may be well also to remark by the way, that the only question put to him, when hurried off to join the army on the continent was "*how he would cure the measles.*"

To give you, Phineas, what you are pleased to call "something more in proof than mere assertion," would be to expose and injure the persons to whom I alluded;* one of whom, I can bear testimony, is now practising in the several branches of the profession with credit and success; the result, however, of great subsequent study and attention; while the major part, I am sorry to say, disgrace alike their calling and the governor's commission. With regard to the "drunken Hibernian," ask a certain *chief surgeon* if he did not go round among his medical acquaintance for signatures to a species of petition, requesting the medical boards to pass him; alleging as an important and sufficient reason, that this would be the best way of ridding himself, and his countrymen, from the incessant importunities of this vagrant for assistance, &c. ? You will find that this, as well as all that I have brought forward, is "assertion" indeed, but true and substantial assertion.

* I beg to repeat in this place, what I have said before, that A FRIEND TO TRUTH has given me names, dates, and circumstances, as to all he advances.

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(To be continued.)