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TO CORRESPONDENTS.—*We shall be glad to receive from our friends everywhere, current medical news of general interest. Secretaries of County or Territorial medical associations will oblige by sending reports of the proceedings of their Associations to the corresponding editor.*

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THE OLD ORGAN AND THE NEW.

The old organ of Trinity is sorely exercised by our strictures on the conduct of the Medical Council at its late meeting, but not more so than ourselves by the occurrence which called them forth. A due sense of our responsibility to the profession for the conduct of a body we did so much to create, compels us to use every effort to maintain the purity of the Council chamber, and whenever we find the rules of propriety outraged as on the occasion referred to, we shall not hesitate to hold the offenders up to the gaze of their constituents.

We wrote advisedly, after due deliberation, and with a full knowledge of all the facts, and now, only regret, that time has not developed one extenuating circumstance which would justify us in recalling a single word of what was then written. It is very amusing to see the old organ of the new school assume such an interest in its new protégé, but the duties of chaperon do not fit well, and the profession will rate at its true value its new found zeal. There are men living who know that the conductors of this journal spent their time and money freely to obtain for the profession even the present modicum of justice, while our cotem. was in swaddling clothes and its older colleagues were button-holeing M.P.'s in order to prevent the passage of the Medical Act which recognizes the right of the profession to manage its own affairs.

How the old organ doth spread its wings in defence of other peoples' progeny!!

It is really too bad for the old organ to poke fun at its new friends in their extremity in the

way it does when it says "territorial members at their last meeting showed more than the usual amount of independence and refused to be led by the nose at the instance of a few manipulators." If Artemus Ward were alive he would have written "that is sarcasm," but the great showman's point is not required by any one who is conversant with their vacillation in regard to the curriculum and the annual examinations. There never was a body of men so much under the button-hole influence of at least one manipulator, and there is no man living who would be rash enough to guess what the curriculum might be next year if the present council should survive the impending election. The Council may have "ceased to be obsequious" but only to resign its freedom into the hands of an obsequious wirepuller, and that's all the difference. All the old organ's enthusiasm in behalf of territorial representation is but a shallow piece of by-play, to divert attention from the peccadilloes of its friends in the council and on the examining Board.

With reference to the treasurer, Dr. Aikens, we may safely leave that gentleman to take care of himself, for although *efforts were made* in an underhand way to asperse his character, yet his traducers had not the manliness to repeat them in open council, and although Dr. Berryman was put forward to entrap the Council into an implied censure, those who spoke, bore ample testimony to the faithfulness and impartiality with which he discharges the duties of his office and the resolution was voted down.

JOURNALISTIC.—*The American Journal of Electrology and Neurology*, edited by John Butler, M.D., 102 E. 22nd Street, New York. Published quarterly. Subscription, \$2.00. Contains, No. 1 vol., good original matter and fair selections. It is well "got up" typographically, and we wish it success.

CANADIANS IN ENGLAND.—J. C. C. Cleaver, W. F. Cleaver, and W. H. Henderson, of Kingston, and T. D. Hockridge, J. B. Lawford, of McGill Medical College, have passed their primary examination at the Royal College of Surgeons, London, England.