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Contributions of various descriptions are invited. 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 forwarding reports of the proceedings of their Associations. Physicians who do not receive their Journal regularly, or who at any time change their address, will please notify the editor to that effect.

Editorials.

THE ACTUAL FACTS OF THE CASE.

In the *Dominion Medical Monthly* for August, a long plausible explanation of their position in connection with this JOURNAL is made by the editors. Their ire has evidently been aroused by a note published last month, dealing with the statements of various medical defence members, with reference to the renewal of the contract for publication of the Proceedings and a Medical Journal. We are very glad to see this explanation, but we sincerely wish the writer had kept more closely to real facts instead of twisting and manufacturing to suit his own purposes. We do not care much to handle matters which seem entirely personal, but we think it is incumbent now for us to lay the actual facts of the case before the Profession.

The statement that the Managing Editor had no knowledge of some articles printed before they appeared was absolutely correct, these articles being added at the last moment by the Associate Editor. They had no reference to Council matters at all, but to school work. Things appeared dealing hardly with Toronto University, and as the Managing Editor certainly was of the opinion that a non-sectarian (if we may thus express ourselves

as belonging to no particular school) journal read by the whole profession, should under no circumstances attempt to disparage either any school's work or the workers who carried it out, he thought it his duty to remonstrate. The remonstrance was badly received and a breach was made which could not be closed. This breach led the Managing Editor to take matters in his own hands, and on a consultation an agreement was made which is correctly quoted by them. This occurred after their so-called regular meeting, the sole actors in which were the present editors of the *Dominion Medical Monthly*. The resolutions they passed were just so much waste paper.

If the former Associate Editor will rack his brains, he will probably remember a couple of other occasions—one in connection with a journal, and the other with a school—in which “he had to step down and out.” It was simply history repeating itself. The item “Drs. Aikins and Nesbitt, upon considering the matter decided that there was a larger field, etc.,” is rather amusing when placed alongside of the fact that repeatedly they made the Drs. Orr an offer to buy the ONTARIO MEDICAL JOURNAL.

The opinion as to their offer being *bonâ fide* was not our own, as the words used by several members of the Council in the discussion gave us the exact expression.