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Qui ante nos ista moverunt, non domini nostri sed duces sunt. Patet omnibus veritas; nondum est occupata; multum ex illa etiam futuris relictum est.—*Seneca, Epist. 33.*

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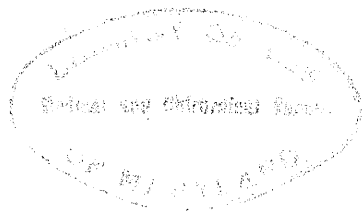
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ADDRESS

OF THE

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE.

THE Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, at its annual session in the month of June, after due and deliberate reflection, having determined that a Journal, devoted to the interests of Medical science, was needed in this city and state, appointed the undersigned a committee to superintend the issuing of such a periodical.

With a regularly and legally organized Faculty throughout the state, numbering in its ranks members, in no point behind those of our sister states, in their attachment to the profession of their choice; talent to sustain its interests; diligence and zeal in meeting the claims of the public upon them; with a city containing its six hospitals and two colleges, all in course of successful operation, and facilities for the examination of disease in all its varieties, quite as extensive as those in other communities, the committee have entered upon the discharge of the arduous duties devolving upon them as the conductors of this Journal, animated with the prospect of success. We have done so, by no means unaware of the vast amount of labor attendant upon, and the host of difficulties which surround, such an undertaking. We feel, indeed, that in the midst of the multitudinous engagements which throng us individually in the pursuit of our profession, we are unprepared to discharge as faithfully as should be, the claims now upon us. Having, however, been called to the post we occupy, not by choice or seeking, but by the unanimous suffrages of our brethren, who have thereby given us the

assurance of their continuance and support in our labor, we could not shrink from the call. Of our individual talent for the work, we can say nothing; our pages must speak for us in this particular. We, however, pledge our best ability to sustain the undertaking, until those who called us to the post shall have an opportunity to pass upon our work, and either continue us in the relation we now hold to them, or supersede us by the appointment of others better qualified to meet their views and wishes.

We cheerfully undertake the duties imposed upon us, because we believe that we shall not be left to contend, single-handed, for the object in view. Having a claim for assistance upon our brethren throughout the city, state, and United States, we doubt not *they will as promptly meet that claim, as we have pledged ourselves* to our work. To them we now make our appeal, confident that it will be responded to with promptness, and the pages of our ensuing numbers enriched by their contributions.

Our course shall be fair and open; our object and desire is to afford another medium through which our junior members, in association with their aged and more experienced brethren, may have an opportunity of spreading before the public the result of their labor and reflections.

We hope to be able to give, in addition, such a digest of all foreign and domestic matters in connexion with the science, as will be alike pleasing and profitable.

We have done. Our appeal, in company with the first number of our work, is now before you. We commend them both to your interest and your favor.

THE State Faculty, at its last meeting, passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be respectfully recommended to the physicians of the State of Maryland to form County Medical Societies auxiliary to the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty, in every county of the state.

We consider this more calculated, if acted on with proper union and energy by the profession throughout the state, to produce