

advanced against the change, but the facts have been so ably and unanswerably set forth by recent writers that I will not enlarge upon the theme.

There seems good reason to believe that, in many respects, the welfare of THE JOURNAL would be jeopardized by the consummation of the proposed change, and I have little fear that the small and obscure band of "kickers" can succeed in the consummation of this folly.

LUTHER BROWN, M.D.

Rockford, Iowa, March 3, 1891.

*To the Editor:*—In my opinion THE JOURNAL should remain where it is. It is centrally located and prosperous. Chicago bids fair to become one of the great centres of learning, generally and specially. Sooner or later, its great clinical advantages will go far toward helping to make it one of the, if not the centre of medical learning.

J. B. WALKER, M.D.

Effingham, Ill., February 26, 1891.

*To the Editor:*—Being a reader of THE JOURNAL, and interested in the question of its removal from the old stand, I was curious enough to figure out the number of subscribers (members) in the principal Eastern cities as compared with those in the West, and I find Chicago leads them all.

The number of subscribers (members) in the Eastern cities is as follows: Philadelphia 109, Washington 82, New York 77, Baltimore 35, Brooklyn 25, and Boston 33, making a total of 361 copies distributed in six cities with a population of nearly five millions. In the Western cities: Chicago 171, Cincinnati 83, St. Louis 79, Louisville 24, Detroit 28, and Cleveland 20, making a total of 405 subscribers (members) in six cities of a population of about two and a half million. The Eastern States make the following showing: Pennsylvania 397, New York 234, Massachusetts 121, New Jersey 55, and Maryland 44, a total of 851 in a population of nearly sixteen millions. In the West: Illinois 406, Ohio 372, Indiana 275, Iowa 220, and Missouri 213, being a total of 1,486 subscribers (members) in a population of about fourteen millions. I take these from the list of members published in THE JOURNAL at the conclusion of the last volume.

So far as the advertisement department is concerned, New York and Chicago seem to be about equally divided. Washington, however, has only three advertisements, viz.: the Medical Department of the University of Georgetown, J. E. Ruebsam, and that of the Librarian of the Association. I have simply for curiosity found these figures, and they can be used by either party accordingly as they look at them.

READER.

Washington, D. C., March 6, 1891.

*To the Editor:*—I have read the arguments pro and con, anent the removal of THE JOURNAL. My vote is with Chicago, believing it to be to the best interests of THE JOURNAL to remain where it is. Would it not be well to request every member of the Association to send a postal card with his vote, not later than April 4. I believe we are all interested enough to do this, and in this way it will not cost THE JOURNAL, much to find out which side has the majority.

PHILIP DICKES, M.D.

Boundary, Ind., March 7, 1891.

*To the Editor:*—Please allow me to record my vote in favor of THE JOURNAL remaining in Chicago. "Let well enough alone!" A thousand reasons and arguments might be offered why it should remain in Chicago, while as many could be given against its removal. "Westward the star of Empire takes its course." Chicago is certainly a great medical centre, and perhaps the greatest railroad centre in the Union; her future is great, so that

there cannot be a doubt of the future success of THE JOURNAL, for its financial condition is on a sound and enduring basis, while its editorial management has always been of the highest order. Its editorials are learned, progressive, broad and cosmopolitan. While its attitude has been conservative and judicious, it has assumed a high position for the advancement of the whole domain of medicine. The aim of THE JOURNAL has been of a high and lofty character in the exposition of the grand principles of the Code of Medical Ethics. It has also been a most potent factor in the effort to raise and elevate the standard of medical education. THE JOURNAL has been loyal to the masses of our noble profession, and in this it has been as free from the manifestation of a partisan spirit as the most liberal-minded person could expect, and the profession will give their loyalty and support in return. By all means leave THE JOURNAL in Chicago.

H. H. MIDDELKAMP, M.D.

Warrenton, Mo., March 5, 1891.

*To the Editor:*—Allow me, as a member of the American Medical Association since 1877, to enter my protest against the removal of THE JOURNAL to Washington. I fail to see any good reason for its removal.

H. ISAAC JONES, M.D., L.R.C.P.E.

118 Grant Ave., San Francisco, Cal., March 7, 1891.

*To the Editor:*—No!

GEO. A. ZELLER, M.D.

Peoria, Ill., March 9, 1891.

*To the Editor:*—You may record my vote in favor of Chicago as the home of THE JOURNAL.

J. D. COLE, M.D.

Newbern, Tenn., March 9, 1891.

*To the Editor:*—It is a matter of no urgent importance to the readers of THE JOURNAL, whether it be published in Chicago or in Washington, unless it can be proven that it can be made a better journal in Washington than it can in Chicago. The members of the Association estimate THE JOURNAL, by its merits and hold the Editors and Publishers responsible for its character. It should be left with them to determine where it would be most convenient for them to do the work and do it best. When the National Government makes liberal appropriations for the establishing of a National Medical Institute, and makes provisions for professorships by which experimental research can be conducted; where hospitals, libraries, museums and other necessary helps are provided by the government, as is done in some other countries; then I say move to Washington.

J. W. HARVEY, M.D.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 10, 1891.

*To the Editor:*—Record my name in favor of removing THE JOURNAL to Washington. The official representative of the profession should keep as closely to the government as possible.

E. T. B. GODFREY, M.D.

Camden, N. J., March 10, 1891.

*To the Editor:*—The location is of much less interest than the character of THE JOURNAL. The members of Congress are very careful about their journal. It is a record of their doings. It is a photograph, so to speak, of each individual as well as the whole. A journal goes into history as the exponent of this or that body of men. Now, Sir, I submit that all this squabble about location, will not appear upon the page of history as reflecting a very bright halo of glory from the A. M. A. Therefore, I move the previous question. Let us have no more of it.

S. E. HAMPTON, M.D.

Milton, Ky., March 12, 1891.