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THE MEDICAL COMMISSION.

The report of the Commissioner will soon be placed in the hands of the Ontario Government, and will be published. By this time, it is well known to the members of the medical profession of this Province what the general trend of things will be; and it behooves the profession to take stock of the signs of the times.

Several bodies have appeared before the Commissioners, and submitted their views. The position taken by the medical profession, as represented by the Ontario Medical Association, the Academy of Medicine, the Ontario Medical Council, and the Universities, is that there should be only one portal of entry into the profession, and that this standard should be a high one.

If anyone wishes, after securing his license to practice, to designate himself as an osteopath, or a chiropractor, or an optometrist, that is his own affair; but he should first be compelled to take the training and pass the examinations common to all.

To this position there can be no reply. It is absolutely sound. Not even the osteopath, nor the chiropractor could raise a successful objection to it. If these people wish to treat the sick or injured, they cannot come forward and state that they wish to be ignorant of disease. When anyone comes forward and tells us that there is no need for bacteriology, or chemistry, or diagnosis, is to convict himself as fit for an asylum, rather than for the care of the sick.

But the profession must be up and doing. "Nothing worth winning is won with ease, and the eagle of victory perches high." With this before every doctor he must make it a personal obligation upon himself to do his share in this fight for a high standard for all. He should see the member for his district and make this clear: "A common standard for all, and no privileges."