

paring to become licentiates of the College under the liberal provisions of the Act of Parliament,—men with a diploma already in their pocket, and therefore already one of that magnificent class of features, “a veritable M. D.”—should be strictly debarred from any such opportunity of usefulness or improvement.

Doubtless some men are of opinion that it would be well for the profession that all its members should be compelled to take degrees from our Provincial Universities. Certainly I desire to see them well filled with students, and feel a peculiar interest in the prosperity of McGill College; but Parliament, and the majority of the profession, have not entertained this opinion. Hence the establishment of a Licensing Board, open to other men; and so long as that avenue is open to the young medical man, so long should the student, or foreign graduate preparing for a license, be looked on with no less favor than the University undergraduate.

I cannot suppose you desirous of discussing the medical politics of the Province in any narrow or exclusive spirit, or that you desire to be understood to be the organ of McGill College—not of the profession at large, since the display of such a spirit of partizanship must tend to lessen the sphere of usefulness and influence of the *Chronicle* as a scientific journal, by rousing the prejudice and hostility of a large, if not the largest, portion of the profession against it. I therefore trust to your love of fair play to allow this contradiction, in express terms, of the really grave part of the accusation against the three Governors to be laid before the public, together with the explanation of the grounds for the minor attack. His letter, viewed in a spirit of even-handed justice, and not as one of University men against licentiates, will, I am sure, be deemed as uncalled for as the other. The one charge is a fabricated calumny; the other a perversion of the truth, to suit some personal or party purpose.

The whole communication, you will see, is a most unreliable basis for your suggestion of a formal accusation and expulsion of the Governors; but if the “veritable M. D.” has the moral courage to take the matter before the College, he need not doubt that the three Governors will be quite ready to meet him there.

I am convinced that I have taken more notice of this communication than it deserves; much more than I should have done, but for the species of apparent approval and dignity given it by you. It may suit the purpose of some youngster, vastly proud of his newly-won dignity, to parade it in print, accompanied by such natural zeal for University privileges; but it can hardly serve the purpose of the *Chronicle* to give currency to anonymous slander, or become the vehicle of flippant tirades.