

This will improve the personnel of the Ontario association. The members of the local society are in much better position to judge as to the professional and social standing of applicants for membership than is this association and, furthermore, qualification for the Dominion Medical Association should depend upon good standing in the provincial association. Such procedure would go a long way towards making the medical profession of the Dominion a united body, able to accomplish all that can be accomplished by unity of action. I hope soon to see the day when this matter will be considered seriously, and when the provincial and local societies will prove a greater stimulus to each other than in the past.

This province has enjoyed a reputation for its high standard of entrance upon the study of medicine. The standard should be still further advanced. In the first place, we should have a uniform entrance as well as graduation standard for all candidates who would practice medicine and surgery. The minimum of matriculation should be a degree in arts from a recognized university, and such degree should be required to include special work in the natural sciences and modern languages, and also Greek, inasmuch as this latter language is the international language of science, and especially medicine.

I further hold it that osteopaths and homeopaths should be required to take the same examinations as regular candidates. The only exception being modes of treatment, except surgical, for which all should be required to pass a uniform examination.

We have this spectacle—of two or three defunct universities with representation on the Ontario Medical Council Board. This should not be. Only those institutions actively engaged in the teaching of medicine should be represented on the Ontario Medical Council.

Some overzealous friends of the provincial university have urged the claims of that institution that its graduates be granted license to practice upon the presentation of their graduation diplomas, without further examination. I am utterly opposed to this. Not that I have any ill-feelings against the medical department of the University of Toronto, which I consider one of the best on the continent, but I consider such action would be unfair towards the medical department of Queen's University and the Western University, both institutions of which have been strong in their endeavors to uphold the standards of medical education in this province.

Medicine, let me repeat, is a science of practical utility. It found its origin in the necessity of relieving human misery. It was, at its birth, but a simple and rude empiricism. When we behold that to-day, with the most rigorous and exact methods, that the natural sciences can place at our disposal when we contemplate that our scientific efforts have already won a well-attested success, by means of incorruptible statistics when