

should have no time to discuss them. It is the part of wisdom to learn from the mistakes of others, and recognizing such mistakes, let us try for the future rather to avoid and correct them than to waste time in harping upon them. During the past winter a bill to amend the Ontario Medical Act was introduced into our Provincial Legislature by Dr. Jessop. In brief, this bill asked that the Medical Council should be composed entirely of the territorial representatives and that the universities, the medical colleges and the homeopathic faction should no longer have direct representation. Although without mandate from you upon the matter, I felt called upon to oppose this bill for reasons with most of which I need not trouble you just now.

Admitting, for the sake of argument that the homeopaths are over-represented, we still must remember that when our Act was passed, a direct bargain was made with these gentlemen, and that it should be carried out in good faith till changed by mutual agreement. Those who trade on the name of Hahnemann, or who, at a greater or less distance, follow his vagaries, are diminishing in number and in influence, and for us to drive them into making application for separate incorporation, and into the position of an oppressed minority, would be foolish in the extreme. As to the right of representation of the universities, actually engaged in the educational work of the country, and of the medical colleges, there can be no question. It does seem to me, however, that the members of the Medical Council who represent charters in abeyance, or universities having no direct interest in medical education, should no longer have the right to appear at the Council meetings, and that our Act should be amended so as to reduce the membership and expense to this extent.

Dr. Jessop's bill was thrown out with, I believe, a strong feeling on the part of the House Committee which dealt with it, that some such provision as this should become operative in the near future.

A measure of much greater importance to us is the one promoted in the Dominion House by Dr. Roddick, and providing for inter-Provincial registration. This measure has passed the House, been amended in the Senate and received vice-regal sanction. Members of this Association will recall the fact that Dr. Roddick strongly advocated his bill from this platform two years ago. They may not as easily recall the fact that I objected to the measure as being manifestly and disastrously unfair to Ontario. As then put forward the bill gave as large a presentation to Prince Edward Island, to Alberta and to other provinces with a few score of practitioners as to this province, with over 3,000 registered practitioners.