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*Contributions of various descriptions are invited. We shall be glad to receive from our friends everywhere current medical news of general interest. Secretaries of County or Territorial Medical Associations will oblige by forwarding reports of the proceedings of their Associations.*

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## Editorials.

### ADVANTAGES OF EXISTENCE OF THE COUNCIL.

At this present date when the Medical Defence Association is carrying on its campaign against the actions, and even the very existence of a medical board, and on what is practically the eve of an election for a new body, we think it fitting to lay before our readers a couple of points which show the great advantage obtained by its existence and continuation on the lines on which it is now carried on.

It is not necessary for us to speak of the general accommodation afforded to all by an excellent staff of employees with the very competent registrar at its head to supply information and conduct all the work connected with the institution.

Anyone who at any time has had occasion to have communication with them can easily afford evidence of the complete system and absolute correctness with which all business affairs are carried out, and the certain accuracy in which all information, no matter what it may be if in a medical sense, is given to the enquirer.

Nor is it necessary to eulogize the accommodation supplied by the Board in its building to visiting members, and to the library of the Association.

These points are so apparent on the face that even an opponent of the present system must give consent to their appropriateness.

Our intention is more to show the protection afforded to both the profession itself, and the public generally, and under these circumstances the ideas arrange themselves without difficulty under three headings:

1. *Protection to the Profession.* If there were no ruling body, a long stretch of imagination would have to take place to put one in a position to think of things as they would be. In our province a certain definite time is required to pass examinations: in many other places—especially our neighbour across the line—colleges and states supply medical diplomas on the least provocation. Consequently all men who had only a short time to spare, who were too lazy to put in full time, and who wished to pass easier examinations, would quickly leave our fair province to study, and even more quickly flood the place afterwards with half-fledglings, as they truly must be. Not only this, but the products of all other countries would also be foisted on us, with a special line of the poor men who, not being able to make a living in their own native land, would emigrate to a new place and make their attempts there, and one can see how directly we would be overrun. Quacks, fakirs, advertising men, and, in fact, everything of