

I want now to draw your attention to the fact, that in placing practitioners who are registered at present under a two dollar fee, and giving them a certificate or a receipt for payment of that fee, we are not placing them in a derogatory position, we are not licensing them as if they were dogs or hucksters, which latter was the word, I believe, principally used, but we are putting them on a footing with one of the leading educational societies of the country, the Law Society of Upper Canada. When the law society undertook this matter, they put it in this form of notice, that every lawyer, whether in arrears or not, receives when his fee is due. We understand it is upon the basis of the practice of the Law Society that the clause referring to the payment of the fees and the removal of names from our register was framed. The notice I refer to reads as follows :

"THE LAW SOCIETY OF UPPER CANADA.
"OSGOODE HALL,

"*Toronto, July 21st, 1892.*

"SPECIAL NOTICE.—The attention of solicitors is especially directed to the necessity for the annual fees being paid before the last day of Michaelmas term, and to the provisions of R.S.O. ch. 147, secs. 16 to 21. A practising solicitor who does not obtain his certificates before the last day of Michaelmas term is liable to forfeit the sum of \$40, to be suspended for a period of from three to six months, and to the fines prescribed by the Act."

That notice is sent out, I understand, to every member of the Law Society every year, and if he does not take cognizance of it, he is suspended at once, as we propose now to do with all members who do not pay up at the date when their payment becomes due.

I particularly wish that this matter should be emphasized, because in a large territory like the one I represent, in which there are twenty or twenty-five per cent. of the whole of the members of the profession in Ontario, I wish the members to understand that this has been framed for their special benefit, not merely for the benefit of the Council, but for their special benefit; and beyond that, of course, there is the fact that we must have a correct register. All that I think they thoroughly understand, and for that purpose I draw the attention of this Council to this matter at this stage.

Dr. BERCIN—And the fees being paid once a year we would avoid that nasty practice of summoning members before the Division Court.

Dr. JOHNSON—There is also the fact that by this we avoid that excessively distressing and reprehensible practice that existed before the present legislation came into force, of having a practitioner sued in his own practice in the Common Division Court for a matter of, perhaps, two or three dollars: the profession lost caste by it; friends of mine have told me that it was the worst feature that I possibly could imagine to have professional men compelled to submit to a thing of that kind."

When the profession understand the position taken by the Council in this matter there is no doubt but that they will endorse their action most heartily. The Legislative Committee agreed not to remove any name from the register until after the next elections, or until the general profession had expressed their opinion upon the subject.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The JOURNAL is informed upon most reliable authority that the number of freshmen entered this year to study medicine at McGill University is 110.

As revealed by the income tax returns in Berlin, Germany, there are 1,747 doctors in that city, or nearly half the profession, who make less than \$750 a year, only 250 make \$2,000, and only 170 more than \$2,500.

The number of medical students who enter at the medical schools in London has shown a tendency to decline during the past four years. The addition of the fifth year to the compulsory curriculum has tended to diminish the numbers. This year the number is 596, as against 688 in 1888.

Tipiakoff, of the Saratow Infirmary, reports that between Sept. 27th and Oct. 9th, 243 women were admitted, suffering from cholera; 121 died. Seven were pregnant when admitted, all aborted; 4 were in the third month; 2 in the second month, and 1 (a primipara) had reached the ninth: she alone of all the seven survived.