

with the indifference and contempt which are the only coin with which honest and intelligent men pay for the spurious and crafty vaporings of polemic knavery.

Yours, etc.,

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Medical Council—Dr. Williams.

To the Editor of the CANADIAN MEDICAL REVIEW:

SIR,—That part of Dr. Sangster's June letter dealing with the debate in the Medical Council, must be passed over for the present. At a later date we may review his conclusions. With your permission let me now glance at the part specially devoted to myself.

No doubt, Mr Editor, you will congratulate the doctor on his improved style. In his June letter he does not once resort to what he was pleased to call "the school-boy trick of making faces and calling names." True, it has been at the expense of his "*raciness*" (?), yet his friends will submit to this sacrifice, if it results in such a striking improvement in his diction.

He must be congratulated, too, on his marked ability in escaping from an awkward position. He had given us many exhibitions in this direction through his series of letters; but, with the instincts of a natural teacher, he acts upon the necessity of frequent repetitions, if the lessons are to be thoroughly impressed. You will remember with what boldness he asserted a caucus of sixteen was summoned each year antecedently to the Council meeting, who there and then settled the personnel of the Council affairs, etc. Yet, when he found himself cornered, he sought escape by a series of half truths. Later, he makes the assertion that I read a paper before the Ontario Medical Association, when President of the Council, which was published; and that some rude outer barbarian at once tore my figures to tatters in the public press. When his attention is called to the fact that no such paper was read, nor yet published, he looks for some other half truth by which, with a little bluster, he hopes to escape. This course may serve with the unthinking. He should remember, however, he is writing for a medical journal, to be read by intelligent medical men. Such chaff will scarcely catch birds of this kind; yet his squirms are made with cleverness. He puts the whole blame on the Association. They announced it in their list of papers to be read, and "the averment may or may not be true that it was not read." He gravely