

secured by the Medical Act of 1893, and I very properly claimed that an Executive Committee appointed *practically* by this "Ruling Alliance" and exclusively out of its own membership was, and is, beyond the reach of either the medical electorate or the body of its representatives in the Council, and that, therefore, it is "*practically* an irresponsible triarchy." I now repeat this allegation with all the emphasis and confident assurance of its correctness that I am capable of expressing through the medium of printer's ink, and I should indeed be surprised if your crafty correspondent's finely spun sophistries and artful misrepresentations should deceive any one concerned save only them whose material interests, or alliances, or sympathies are antagonistic to, or, at least, not coincident with those of the profession at large, and who are thus naturally open to such deception. Moreover, in this last letter, the too-zealous doctor adds to the many fatal admissions he has already made with regard to the Inner Circle and its internal economy, by conceding, in effect, all that I have ever charged concerning the qualifications it demands of those whom it selects for membership in the Executive Committee or for elevation (?) to the President or Vice-President's chair. Calling it "the Council"—though covertly alluding to the "Solid Phalanx," which meets in secret, to the exclusion of the independents and the opposition, and "talks over the officers and other business" of the approaching session, so that "the members may decide on their course," etc.—he asks "What will they (it) demand of those who receive their (its) votes. *Their (its) man must be proved by time and association.* These gentlemen of the opposition may become members of the Executive Committee and may fill the presidential chair, *but they must first do something to earn the confidence of*"—Whom? Dr. Williams says "their professional brethren," but as their election to membership in the Council, not by a petty school corporation or by a baker's dozen of medical faddists, but with sweeping majorities by large constituencies of their fellow practitioners on the very issues now being raised, is proof positive that they earned and now possess "the confidence of their professional brethren." Hence, the only rational way in which the writer can close the sentence quoted is by using one of the phrases, "Inner Circle," Solid Phalanx, or "Ruling Alliance of Sixteen." And, so, his statement—divested of all *double entendre* and superfluous verbiage—simply amounts to an admission that no territorial representative can win access to these positions until he has gained the confidence and approval of the "Combination" by showing himself to be sufficiently ductile to be acceptable, and by giving evidence that he is free from all inconvenient sense of super-loyalty to his constituents.