

to make all by-laws without submitting the same every time to the approval of the Lieut.-Governor and Council. The one year's preliminary study with a doctor is to be abolished and count for nothing. If study with a doctor is at all entitled to any consideration, it should be required after graduation and before the examination required for registration; in this way it would give young men the benefit of practical work in a doctor's office. An apprenticeship at this time would be a benefit. The ethics of the profession should receive some consideration by requiring all *entrants* at the time of registration to subscribe their adhesion to them. The sections that particularly need modification are sections 11, 12, 13, and subsection 2, and section 40, 41 and 43, together with Schedule B.

Medical men should at once use their influence with the various representatives to have these changes made without mutilation in Parliament. The changes are based on agreement for reciprocity between the three provinces. It would, therefore, be absurd for laymen in the Legislature to commence tinkering with the law, as the deviation of a word or a sentence would make the law ridiculous and practically inoperative. We trust that the intelligence of the people is now somewhat advanced, and that we will not hear such ridiculous assertions as in times past. We adhere to this opinion because, in matters of this kind, laymen are not judges, and however honest they may be, they are apt to have their judgments warped from a misunderstanding of the facts. If the members of the profession themselves would fully take in the situation and be united in their views, it would have the effect of convincing the Legislature of the importance and necessity of the changes being made. Let every physician who is on the Medical Register use his influence with the representatives and urge the enactment of the amendments without dotting an "i" or crossing a "t." As it is submitted by the solicitors of the Maritime Provinces, it would certainly be very ridiculous, after the three Councils agreed on a basis, that one of the Legislatures should spoil that and render the reciprocal registration a dead letter. Our work being purely in the interests of medical education, we have nothing dark or designing to introduce that the public have any cause to fear from. In fact, the

history of the medical profession goes to show that it has always been foremost in all matters to defend and protect the public and its interests; and it is strange, surpassing strange, how a designing quack and pretender can insinuate and prejudice the public against the profession, if a designing druggist, or other vicious person, declares, "look out for the doctors, they are looking for an amendment to their law by which they can fleece the people." Protection to the pocket being uppermost in every man's mind, the conclusion is reached that it is just so, verifying the Scriptures that the truth often suffers violence; yes, and a lie will go half round the globe before the truth gets its boots on to follow it!

Let medical men be firm and true to themselves and they have nothing to fear. The world is advancing. Science is progressing, and quackery with all its allies will recede and take a back seat and hide their faces like the moles and the bats.

ADVERTISING.

It is quite customary nowadays to have notes from every settlement or cross roads where a doctor is located, published in the local press—amongst other things, pie socials, clergymen and horse trots—and dove-tailed into it is "Dr. So-and-so is doing a flourishing business," "Dr. So-and-so is attending So-and so," "Dr. So-and-so has performed an operation." The innocent doctor, of course, knows nothing about it and he is above suspicion. All the same, he is looking for the papers and asking if the notes appeared. It is quite evident that this cheap method of advertising only disgusts the better class of the public; the most intelligent regard it as an evidence that Dr. So-and-so is a humbug and not doing "a flourishing business," and this species of quack advertising should not be tolerated, and the doctor should say, "save me from my friends." Another class takes up lecturing on matters medical before the people. Dr. So-and-so gave a lecture on the "eye," another on "hygiene," another "physiology," another on some other medical subject. We believe in a doctor keeping himself abreast of the times by being well read and up in his profession, but we confess, that clear of advertising, we know of no earthly benefit that will result from such