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A WORD IN SEASON.

Some weeks ago we sent to those of our subscribers who were in arrears a gentle reminder to pay up the amount of their indebtedness. While on the whole the result of our efforts was satisfactory, there are still several subscribers who have neglected to reply. We request those persons to favor us with their remittance

at the earliest possible moment. The end of the year is approaching; the Owl's bills must be paid; and it only by getting every dollar that is due us that we can hope to make both ends meet.

MEDICAL MATRICULATION.

Yielding to the imperious necessity of raising the standard of education in the profession and in the province, the Ontario Medical Council, at its annual meeting last May, adopted a very important amendment to the requirement for registration as a medical student in Ontario. Hitherto the examination has been a very flimsy affair; medical matriculation had become a by-word and a reproach. Apart from the injury done to the prestige of the profession by this low standard, there was a much more practical and serious inconvenience arising from the ease with which students became medical matriculants in Ontario. The medical profession was becoming so overcrowded that the practice of the province could not afford a decent livelihood for our doctors. There was selfishness, therefore, mingled with a high-minded zeal for the interests of education, in the decision arrived at by the Medical Council. The following clause indicates the preparation that shall be exacted, henceforth from intending medical students:

Everyone desirous of being registered as a matriculated medical student in the register of this college, except as is hereinafter provided, must, on and after November 1st, 1897, present to the registrar of the college the official certificate of having passed the departmental pass arts matriculation examination with not less than second-class honours in each of the following subjects:—English, physics, chemistry, botany and zoology, or, in lieu thereof, an official certificate of having passed the departmental pass arts examination, and in addition thereto a certificate of having passed not sooner than in the ensuing year the arts examination held at the end of the first year of the university course by a recognized university.