

“ to style, factious opposition, not in the interests of the students, “ not in the interest of science, but merely because the Professors of “ that College dreaded that the regulations of the Council would have “ thinned their classes by diminishing the number of students, and that “ consequently the revenue which they derived from the manufacture “ and sale of Degrees would be wonderfully curtailed.” This is so grossly untrue that it needs no comment; it is a style of pompous declamation which to any person of ordinary intellect will carry no weight. It can be passed over in silence, but with sincere regret that a person occupying the position of the utterer should so lower himself. 'Tis true that a College in Canada and one in Lower Canada, did “ set itself in a hostile attitude to the Medical Council,” if the Medical Council were the promoters of the bill in question, and it is well that the profession in Upper Canada had men who were sufficiently independent to oppose a narrow minded policy, which would have been a gross injustice to many members of that profession in actual practice. We can with justice apply the words of the *respected* President of the Medical Council as to McGill University, “ we do not dread honourable rivalry, we do not seek “ extraneous aids” we do not wish to be judged otherwise than by our works, “ we desire to stand or fall by our own merits,” but we do not desire to see a flagrant act of injustice perpetrated on Lower Canadian institutions and students, however desirable it may be to elevate the status of preliminary examination. As the Act stands at present the object will be fully attained, and we expect to see the day when our young men will go forth from our halls of learning, capable of competing educationally with any class of men in any community, McGill College has a name amongst the people of Upper Canada a name which is respected, and which carries weight; we regret to see an attempt made to undervalue the position held by that University. It is a subject of remark that our students are capable of competing successfully with those from all the other colleges in the country, and this position is held in consequence of the careful discrimination in the award of her honours. The teaching in this school will favourably compare with that of any college or university in the world. This has been fully acknowledged by those most competent to judge. It is then much to be regretted that a gentleman occupying so high a position as does *the talented and learned president of the Medical Council of Upper Canada*, should speak so disparagingly of a rival institution. We are all engaged in the laudable effort of promoting the best interests of the science of medicine and surgery, and it is not by extraneous efforts at depreciation—mere verbose assertion—that men will be hoodwinked into believing that there is no good thing outside of Kingston.