

*To the Medical Electors of the Bathurst and Rideau Division:*

GENTLEMEN,

I have complied with the request of a large number of the registered medical practitioners of Ottawa and herewith offer myself as a candidate at the approaching election of the Bathurst and Rideau Division, to be held on the last Tuesday in March, 1890.

If elected as a member for this Division I shall endeavour to further the interests of the medical profession in every way possible, and there are certain changes which I shall advocate--the most important of which is in respect to the standard of preliminary education. At the meeting of the Association held in Carleton Place in 1888, I moved, and it was carried unanimously, that the Council should require every candidate for the license to have received the degree of B.A., and to have studied medicine four full years, and obtained the degree of M.D., after graduating in arts. A copy of this resolution was sent to every Territorial Division in Ontario. I claim by requiring every student to take the degree of Bachelor of Arts the Council will arrest the tremendous over-crowding of the profession, and it will be in the true interest alike of the candidate to practise, the public, and the profession of medicine. If elected I shall try to bring about this reform.

I likewise consider the Council should make greater effort to stop the practise of medicine on the part of druggists, as this evil is both a disgrace to the Council and a menace to the well being of the community, and it has also become a serious injury to the medical practitioners.

I believe, also, the Territorial Representatives on the Council should, as far as possible, consult with their constituents on every matter of importance coming before the Council, and for this purpose, if elected, it shall be my endeavour to bring together, at least once in each year, all the members of the Division.

I am very sensible of the honour the members of the medical profession in this city have conferred on me in electing me to the position of President of the Ottawa Medico-Chirurgical Society. and I think I can safely leave my record in that office, and the record of other work done in the interest of the profession, as an earnest of what I shall do if elected to the more important place of member for the Bathurst and Rideau Division.

In asking you for your support in this election I do so not for the sake of the honour of being a member of the Council, although I shall appreciate thoroughly the distinction and your good will if elected, but, for the purpose of being placed in a position to advocate and effect, if possible, the reform before mentioned in regard to the standard of preliminary education, and thereby promote the dignity and progress of the medical profession in this Province.

I remain, yours very respectfully,

A. F. ROGERS, M.D.

Ottawa, December 20th, 1889.