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Contributions of various descriptions are invited. We shall be glad to receive from our friends everywhere current medical news of general interest. Secretaries of County or Territorial Medical Associations will oblige by forwarding reports of the proceedings of their Associations.

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Editorials.

COUNCIL MEETING.

This month, which ushers in the summer, and is looked forward to by all for its pleasantness and beauty, is, at the present time, the last one in the year of the Medical Council of Ontario. In the early part of June, another and final session of the present body will be held, and all medical eyes are watching for its doings with great interest.

There are many things we would like to see, but it is not our province to dictate to the Council—rather may we outline the probable work which will in all likelihood be undertaken. The first, and probably the most important, to be dealt with will be the subject of "Contract practice," both with regard to its effect on the general profession and on the deliberating body itself. The importance is demonstrated by the large amount of correspondence carried on in the columns of this journal, and the general sentiments, as a rule, against the work so ably expressed there. Most writers condemn but suggest no remedy, and in this case we presume the Council is looked to for a solution. Under the present circumstances, we can hardly see how they can deal with it other than by a committee to investigate the condition of affairs, with orders to report to the incoming Council of

1895. Some may argue that members of the committee may not be members of the new Council; but that has no effect whatever, a committee-man being eligible for his position until replaced or the committee dissolved. The advisability of the report being held over will be easily comprehended through the fact that the general profession will have a stronger voice than at present.

The committee to suggest a remedy for the evil so-called will be called upon to exercise a great deal of thought, founded on the experience of many. They will have to be very canny, so as to keep in touch with both the profession and the general public. Some years ago a commission headed by the late Dr. Fulton went through a lot of evidence, and then found it impossible to do anything. One of the great troubles is both the legislative and the people's fear of close corporations, the reception of the Pharmacy Bill being quite strong enough to see which way the wind blows.

As medical men we are strongly against lodge work, and would like very much to see it either done away with or remedied in some way which would make conditions more favorable to ourselves than they are at the present time: but as rational human beings we see no remedy now with present temper of the people. Still we sincerely hope that our executive body will see their way through it.