

## Correspondence.

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### Ontario Medical Council.

*To the Editor of the CANADIAN MEDICAL REVIEW.*

SIR,—Will you kindly afford me space in the next issue of the MEDICAL REVIEW to supply information to my constituents, and to others, respecting one or two matters on which there appears to exist some missapprehension on the part of the profession. I receive so many inquiries regarding these points that to reply to each correspondent individually is becoming a very severe tax on my time, and it has occurred to me that a single letter in your widely read journal would suffice for all. I will give the questions seriatim, and append the answer to each.

*Question.*—What is the earliest date at which the Registrar can legally erase from the register the name of any member of the College for non payment of the annual tax or arrearage thereof?

*Answer.*—This question was asked at the recent meeting of the Medical Council, and an explicit answer thereto required. Dr. Williams, who appeared to speak with authority, stated in reply that the earliest day on which any member's name could be removed from the register for non-payment of dues will be the last day of February, 1898. It would appear that this is correct. The coercive clause of the Act was suspended till the present month. The assessment made at the late meeting was technically due on the 1st of January, 1896. On the 31st of December, 1896, a member who has refused or neglected to pay the tax just assessed, or any former arrearage, is in default. On the 31st of December, 1897, he will be twelve months in default, and the Registrar may at once notify him that, unless he makes payment of all arrearage within two months from that time, his name will be erased, and on, or after the last day of February, 1898, his name may actually be so erased.

*Question.*—How many members of the College are still in arrears of assessment dues, and for what aggregate sum?

*Answer.*—The type-written return supplied to each member of the Council at its recent meeting and entitled, "A list of members of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario in arrears of dues to June 6th, 1896," contains the names of 1,339 members, and shows an aggregate arrearage of \$12,202. As nearly as I can ascertain, nearly eighty of these members are either deceased or non-resident in the