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Editorial.

MEDICAL DEFENCE UNION.

The St. Francis District Medical Association, at a recent meeting, decided upon the formation of a Medical Defence Union. The idea has been very largely endorsed, and we hope to see before long developed a large organization, which, if properly conducted, can be powerful only for good. At a subsequent meeting of the Society held at Sherbrooke on the 11th inst., the question of Club or Lodge Doctors was discussed. The majority present seemed to think that the members of Lodges ought to be allowed to select their own medical attendant, and that the Lodge pay his bill. In this way, it was asserted, the Lodges would save money. This we do not believe would be the result. On the contrary, such a plan would soon bring about financial ruin. Lodge practice is at best most unsatisfactory work, and the doctor is the "slavery" of the members, but, so far as we can see at present, it will stay. The only thing, then, to be done is to make terms not derogatory to the members of a learned profession, and which will at all events elevate matters. These might be enumerated as follows:—Treble the amount now paid as a yearly fee; pay one dollar for examination of candidates. Let the physician chosen keep his appointment during good behaviour. The semi-annual election of the Lodge surgeon is useful only as a fitting opportunity for