

# Ontario Medical Journal.

SENT TO EVERY MEMBER OF THE PROFESSION IN ONTARIO, BRITISH COLUMBIA,  
AND NORTH-WEST TERRITORY.

J. A. CREASOR, ASSOCIATE EDITOR. - R. B. ORR, EDITOR.

All Communications should be addressed to the Editor, 147 Cowan Avenue, Toronto.

VOL. II.]

TORONTO, JULY, 1894.

[No. 12.

*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.*

*Physicians who do not receive their Journal regularly, or who at any time change their address, will please notify the editor to that effect.*

## Editorials.

### AN EXPLANATION

Through the columns of the daily press for some few weeks there could have been noticed a number of letters from two or three medical men, ostensibly dealing with doings of the Medical Council, but in reality simply walking round any subject and handing out personal abuse to the Queen's taste, if such an expression would be forgiven.

A letter in our own columns seems to have been a regular firebrand to this very inflammable material. Truly, men must be thin-skinned when they cannot stand a few sentences in plain English about another who has been abusing others individually and collectively for some time back. "Elector's" ideas were absolutely correct and voiced the feelings of many voters in the Medical world. A territorial representative certainly should be a practicing physician, one who has and will always have the interests of the profession his sole object during his term as a Medical Councillor. Dr. Day's case quoted is not a parallel to Dr. McLaughlin's—if these writers would only note the fact that the former was not a Registrar when elected to the Council, and now retires voluntarily, they would easily see the distinction.

We personally are blamed for allowing a letter of that kind to be published, as it was partially personal. There is no defence necessary, but, as an explanation, let us say this: The principal part of that letter was answering certain false statements made by Dr. McLaughlin, that fact being the main reason for publication. Our stand has always been, as far as it could be possibly carried out, to keep out personal matters, that is, matters of only individual interest, where one member of the profession attacks another for some personal reason.

Abuse of another man cannot be entirely eliminated in the heat of an election campaign, except by saints too good for this world, and in such cases, where the matter in correspondence is of general interest and deals with the Medical Council, we have always tried to publish.

It was only in a letter of the 26th inst. that Dr. Sangster, in again apologizing for using the public press for his communications—by the way, he takes every available chance to try and get a rap at us in his apologies—names this Journal specially as refusing publication to members of the Medical Defence Association. Surely Dr. Sangster should have no hard feelings for us on that score. Month after month our columns—I should say pages—were open to and used by him, and it was only after both a public and private appeal for something shorter