

mical and responsible government, shall join our brotherhood without delay. Our present membership of nearly 1,300 ought to reach 2,000 before the next Council elections, and as our influence with the government and the legislature will be in direct proportion to our numbers, we hope that our friends, throughout the province, will exert themselves in this behalf. Our Association owes nothing, the expenses of the past having been cheerfully borne by a few, and we anticipate no outlay in the future not easily within our means. We therefore levy no assessment on our members and ask for no contributions, so that membership in our Association will cost you nothing. It is your name and influence, and not your money, we want on behalf of the profession. Any members of the College who desire to identify themselves with us can secure enrolment by sending to my address a post-card (not a letter) expressing a wish to that effect, and properly dated and signed.

Our opponents have repeatedly tried to frighten us with the threat that, if we do not desist and leave the schools in undisturbed possession of their usurped privileges in the Council, they will break up the Ontario Medical Act. It is an idle threat, and they know it. Political charlatan Haycock's absurd fiasco in the House has served to show the immense power and reserve force which the profession can bring into play when roused to action, and has thus effectively exploded the idea that we have anything to fear in seeking such legislative relief as we may require. In this manner unquestioned good has accrued from a crazy attempt—instigated by malice, and, no doubt, largely promoted by a desire to cripple the Defence Association and the worst result of which was to excite a few emotional persons to the verge of hysterics. Happily, however, it has taught us that, unitedly, we can exert on the government and on the legislature an influence so powerful that neither schools, nor universities, nor Patrons, nor homœopaths, nor professional outcasts, nor all of them combined can prevent the final triumph of our reasonable and righteous claims. This knowledge is so important that we think it has been cheaply bought, and, although we dare not hope that sycophants and school parasites *et hoc genus omne* will altogether cease to use their servile pens in crying peace! peace! when there is no peace, their paltry efforts are, henceforth, harmless indeed. We do not, however, conceal from ourselves the fact that quite outside those who may be prompted by interest, or association, or flunkyism, or personal vanity, or disappointed ambition to thus carp at our methods or try to belittle our results, there are in the profession those who honestly think that having worsted our opponents in the recent elections, and