

the Council, and that, while I refused to contribute to the funds of that body by paying the annual assessment, and believed that the money was wrongfully obtained from the profession, I ought not to have accepted any of it in payment for my services. This is almost as ingenious as it is disingenuous, and perhaps I ought to have corrected it sooner. Like other misrepresentations, it was started by those who knew the whole facts of the case, but it is, I am told, repeated by many who seem really to think there is something in it. Let me explain.

1. From the establishment of the Board of Examiners till 1872, I held a position thereon, being the appointee of the University of Victoria College. The Medical Faculty had nominated me to that position, and my friend, the late Dr. Berryman, as representative to the Council, and our appointments were confirmed by the University Senate or Board. If there was any further formality of confirmation by the Council itself, in one case or the other, I was not aware of it. I accepted my position from the University, and so held it just as I presume some of the examiners do to-day.

2. The relations between the Board of Examiners and the Council became strained on the question of holding a fall examination, the former positively refusing to hold a supplemental test as required by the Council. In 1872 the tension between the two bodies became so great that the Council dismissed the entire Board, and constituted itself a Board of Examiners, and held a fall examination. My connection with the Council therefore ceased in 1872—more than two years before an annual assessment was thought of, and more than two years before the Council began to obtain money wrongfully from the profession.

3. In 1874, when the tax was imposed, I openly and publicly expressed my de-

termination never to pay it, unless forced to do so, until the educational bodies were also assessed, and I am glad to say that I have never broken or thought of breaking that resolve.

4. Even were my position not thus perfectly consistent and unassailable in this matter, I maintain that it would be the height of absurdity to claim that my opinions in 1894 must necessarily conform completely to those of 1884 or 1874. Our surroundings change, and our opinions and springs of action change with them. Prior to 1871, my professional chair in the University was worth annually from \$1,000 to \$1,200 in hard cash. Very possibly, if I still had to look at things through so dense an auriferous mist, I should continue to see matters very much as they appear to my friends—the professors, and teachers, and examiners of the medical schools of to-day.

Yours, etc.,

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EDITOR DOMINION MEDICAL MONTHLY:

SIR,—Permit me just two or three lines. Let me quote the wise old words, "Be all things to all men," I hold that an institution such as the University of Toronto; or its medical faculty, cannot afford to make enemies any more than the individuals. If I am not sadly mistaken the University of Toronto, and particularly the medical faculty, have been making many enemies of late. Those who are responsible for this ought to be severely taken to task.

Yours, etc.,

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