

it out in good faith, and not to make itself a laughing-stock to the country, and fraudulently to put before the young students of this country that which they do not intend to carry out, and which upon the face of it they intend to repudiate. We have had the young men since our session last June, all over the country preparing for this science examination.

Some of the gentlemen on this Board have come here to-day with the money to pay the fees for these students who propose going up for this examination. I feel that we ought not to be put in this light before the public of this country; and I say to you that there is great warrant for a great deal that has been said as regards the manner business has been conducted in this Council; will not the men who are complaining of the conduct of this Council, who are agitating for its reconstruction, be enabled by our conduct here to-day to go to the Parliament of Ontario, and to say to our college in that Parliament that we have not kept good faith with the students of this country; that we have not kept faith with the profession of the country; and, much as I dislike to have any change made in the Constitution of this Council, I feel that there is an under-current from some quarter which is always endeavoring to undo the good work that is done by the Council; I shall endeavor to prevent that under-current in the future, if God spares me; and no matter from what quarter I can get assistance to put an end to this thing I shall get it.

Dr. Rogers—I quite agree with everything that my friend, Dr. Bergin, has said in regard to this movement by Dr. Moore, the representative of Queen's University in this Council. I will go further than that, and say it is most unfortunate at the present moment when the agitation of the profession all over Ontario is such that, as territorial representatives, we can hardly fight it; I have had to fight it in my division. I had a petition signed by members of my division to the Legislature asking them to have confidence in the Council; but I ask you in the face of the member for Queen's University, coming here and asking to take away certain portions of our matriculation, can I go back to them and say, next session, "Gentlemen, sign a petition of that character?" I tell you I will not do so. But if this matter is continued; if we cannot have a permanency in regard to the matriculation; if the matriculation is to be changed and altered, and kept low; I for one will say if this Council will not elevate it, I shall go myself to the Legislature with those that are agitating for a change, and ask for a change.

Dr. Bray—You couldn't get it.

Dr. Rogers—It may be so; but have you a right to make an attempt to lower the standard of matriculation in view of what occurred in 1891? I think I am within the bounds of strict truth

when I say that one of the reasons why the doctors in the House on that occasion supported the amendment allowing the Council the power to erase the names of members of the College from the register for non-payment of dues, and I say it openly, was because you were asking for power to increase the matriculation standard, and said you were going to do so. I ask you, Mr. Chairman, as a man of education, can you say, if Dr. Moore's motion carries, that the standard has been raised from a second-class teacher's examination. I certainly say, from my knowledge of the departmental arts regulations, that such is not the case. But, if Dr. Moore had the desire to benefit the profession and make it better, would he not have asked you to change the wording to "an honor matriculation departmental examination"; and add the words "physics and chemistry," or "botany," or whatever you want added. But he wants to make it lower. I say, at this stage of the history of the medical education of Ontario, when the whole profession almost are up against us, we are making a great mistake, an especially great mistake for a school man as the representative of a university; in that respect I hope for the sake of this Council, and the school representatives in this Council, that this motion will not be carried.

Dr. Williams—I rise more particularly to repudiate some of the remarks that have been made by the last two speakers. One of those speakers has gone so far as to say that this Council has fraudulently treated the students or the public. For a member of this Council to say that, is something wholly unjustifiable.

Dr. Bergin—I repeat that to make such an amendment as this is, is to put a fraud upon the profession, the students, and the public, too.

Dr. Williams—I will say that for one I repudiate any such idea being put forth—that the Council have acted in any fraudulent manner whatever. The learned gentleman says that there have been amendments made every single year. I ask if there has been a member of this Council who has been more anxious to make amendments to that curriculum than that very gentleman himself? Not one.

I admit he makes them where he thinks it will improve the curriculum; but I ask whether the other members of the Council have not a right to improve the curriculum? I do not think we have a right to brand Dr. Moore with wishing to lower the curriculum; that is not the idea, he simply wishes to put it in a harmonious way with the department so that it can be satisfactory. That is his idea. I believe there are other members of this Council who are just as anxious as Dr. Bergin, or the learned gentleman from Ottawa, to have a good standard; and some just as anxious that science shall be part of that standard; but they are not willing to allow other gentlemen to move