

of the House, and because we were careful to ask for nothing that was not justly ours. The beneficence, and wisdom, and desirability, and moderation of the changes in the law then effected are now generally conceded; and we did not overthrow the Council, or destroy the Central Board, or lower the curriculum, or weaken the Medical Act—and we developed a power and a reserve force that were a revelation to the Council and the schools. We claim that that whole struggle and its result should be accepted by you as evidence that we are not rash and reckless, or powerless, or inclined to weaken or destroy such beneficent features of the Medical Act as the Council, or the Central Board, or the power of maintaining a high educational standard. But for the changes in the Medical Act then secured, you would each of you be now paying an annual five-dollar tax, and the Council would be annually squandering, among its members, \$12,000 or \$14,000 of the profession's money, and you would be at the close of the year seeking your annual licenses to earn your bread and butter for another twelve months; or failing or refusing to thus humble yourselves, you would promptly find yourselves out in the cold among quacks and fakirs, or boxed up in prison cells among the thieves and murderers, between whom and the recalcitrant members of the College, ex-President Williams fancied he saw some strong points of resemblance.

*Which party then are you to believe?*

6. On the one side you have the members of the old Council and the independent candidates, all trying to induce you to vote for them by working on your fears, and two or three hundred influential medical men who are the obliged servants and faithful allies of the old regime, and who have powerful incentives to keep things as they are. These men, moved

thereto by the schools, insist that we are prepared to wreck everything without rhyme or reason. On the other side you have our past record—the beneficent character of what we have already accomplished—and our positive, our reiterated assurance given to you in printer's ink which cannot fade, that we are resolved not to do anything to jeopardize the Medical Act or the Medical Council, or the Central Board of Examiners, that we seek not to weaken these, but to strengthen and perpetuate them. Which are you to believe? We are your fellow-practitioners with interests identical with yours, and without any possible motive to mislead you. They are those whose material interests, alliances, sympathies and associations are with the schools rather than the profession, and who have consequently powerful reasons to keep things as they are, and strong incentives to deceive you. Which do you think you should believe?

*But will not the Patrons do something extraordinary?*

7. Probably yes. They belong to that super-intelligent class which is always doing something extraordinary. They are resolved, as a preliminary essay, to regulate politicians, lieutenant-governors, and lawyers and doctors. When that is accomplished, they will proceed to regulate school teachers, dentists, surveyors, university professors, parsons, and other similar small fry. Then they will devote their reforming energies to banking institutions, insurance companies, trust and loan societies and railway incorporations. When this small contract is filled, they will possibly proceed to write a new Bible. And then, having no more worlds to conquer, they will probably retire into private life and spend the evenings of their days in making little *Haycocks*. The only thing I know of that is even more extraordinary than the