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The *Journal of the British Dental Association*, the *British Medical Journal*, and others we could name, are sent free each month to members of the associations which they respectively represent. The political advantage of these experiments is no longer in question. The journals have become the bulwarks and best defenders of the interests of medicine and dentistry, and the numerical strength of the associations has been largely increased. It is very apparent that the one hundred and eighty-two licentiates who, out of the many hundreds, paid the annual fee last year in Ontario, would be very greatly increased if some such consideration were held out to them. The payment of an annual fee is not popular, and why should it be when it is quite clear that a large percentage simply snap their fingers at all attempts at collection, and become unnecessarily antagonistic? Large numbers take no interest in the elections; they do not seek election themselves, and feel no interest in any ticket. They have paid handsomely to enter the profession, and do not care to be taxed for the benefit of others. Whether they are right or wrong, these are their opinions, and however complacently we may try to look at it, the fact stares us in the face, that a very large majority of the licentiates of Ontario refuse to pay the annual fee, and therefore voluntarily forfeit their vote. The difficulty is intensified when arrears have accumulated for several years.

Two thousand dollars more are being spent on the College building. Ontario has reason to be proud of the College, and no reason to grudge the disbursements in its connection. But it is only just to consider occasionally the wants of the licentiates themselves;