

Homeopaths and School-men are bound together by a common agreement; it would not do to divorce those interests. It is, therefore, of first importance that we should conserve and protect, and in protecting, conserve our common interests. We have privileges and security, secured by legislative enactment in the incorporation of the Medical Council, which are invaluable to the profession at large, and these we cannot afford to jeopardize. Expressing myself in these words, which are sufficiently plain that all who run may read, and having said I would not be a party to assist or prevent a fair expression of the electorate, I withdraw.

Having heard the expressions of and considering the welfare of the profession, I would ask those who so kindly encouraged my candidature to give their support to Dr. Cotton, as I am satisfied that he will advocate every plank, principle and interest that I have advocated. He will prove in every way, as far as I know and can judge, a faithful and fair representative. The interests of the profession will be safe in his hands.

Yours very truly,

P. PALMER BURROWS, M.D.

Lindsay, Sept. 13th, 1894.

DR. BURROWS' WITHDRAWAL.

To the Editor of ONTARIO MEDICAL JOURNAL.

DEAR SIR,—Permit me through your columns to inform the Medical Electorate of Territorial Division No. 12, that I have withdrawn from the contest.

Recognizing the fact that there are two parties—one in sympathy with the Medical Defence Association, its aims and objects; the other, those who still have confidence in the old Council—in a former letter I stated that I could not by my candidature assist in influencing the election in favor of either party. I understand that Drs. Sangster and Cotton are in the field; I am content that there be a fair, square fight between them.

In this special Territorial district there has been cultivated a strong feeling against the Medical Council. I am sorry for this, although I am free to confess that some of their past acts are not readily defensible; still, from my point of view, I cannot see that the status of that body will be greatly raised by the election of their opponent.

I have placed before the electorate these subjects which I think should be considered by the new Council as in the general interest, I leave these a legacy to whoever may prove the choice of the electorate.

I cannot close without expressing my regret that so many respectable practitioners have thought fit to air their grievances through the columns of the public press. As I understand it, the medical journals have always been ready and willing to publish any and all correspondence of general interest, there is, then, no excuse for this unseemly display and publicity. I, indeed, hope that after the excitement of our election shall have passed away these good brethren will see their error, and that further correspondence will be conducted through orthodox channels.

I gratefully thank those who have encouraged my candidature, and with these few words hope my withdrawal will be satisfactory.

Yours truly,

P. PALMER BURROWS.

London, Aug. 5, 1894.

MEDICAL ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of ONTARIO MEDICAL JOURNAL.

DEAR SIR,—I am just in receipt of a circular letter from Dr. Samson, in which he announces his candidacy to contest the St. Clair Division in the coming election of representatives in the Medical Council of Ontario. In his plea he speaks of the "dissatisfaction with many of the regulations and proceedings of the Council." Now, I do not concur with this, as I have failed to learn of such, except among a very few, such as Sangster, McLaughlin, *et al.*, who have evidently a case of sour grapes on hand, and are badly afflicted with that malady known as *Cacathes Stribendi*. He announces himself as "heartily in accord," therefore I consider his position untenable. Referring to the charge of "lavish expenditure of funds"—if such refer to the purchase of the Medical Council Building in Toronto, I consider the outlay to have been a very judicious one, as the property has greatly increased in value since its purchase, besides which, it has provided the Council with "a local habitation" as well as a name. The annual tax is one which has been in