

Ontario is tired of professional excellence, skill, knowledge and experience, and is longing for an era of quackery, patent medicines and manufactured advertisements. The medical profession deserves well of the people of Ontario. It has been most unselfish in its efforts to promote the public health and improve the sanitary conditions of the country. It has been at all times ready to accept every discovery in medical science which is calculated to prolong life or relieve suffering humanity. By years of effort, and at great cost to the profession itself (for the public treasury has not been available for its purposes), it has placed medical education on a broad foundation, and has enlisted in its service many of the ablest men which the country has produced. It has been generous without jealousy towards every other profession. It has given good value for every privilege which has been of real service to the profession itself or to the country. Should it appear that it has privileges which are of no substantial use, or which may be used to cast discredit upon the profession, let them go; but as to the great and fundamental characteristics of the legislation, which is of far greater advantage to the public than it is to the profession, the greatest consideration should be given to any proposal for a change. So long as frail humanity is heir to so many ills medical men will be in demand. Let us have the best that skill and training can supply, and let us have the honor of training them ourselves in our own colleges and universities, and in such a way as to suit the genius of our own people.

Next followed "The Press," which was proposed by Mr. McCallum, and was responded to by Mr. E. E. Sheppard, Mr. J. S. Willison, Mr. J. H. Woods, and Mr. James A. Tucker.

The toast of "Other Professions" was proposed by Dr. W. T. Graham in a neat speech; Mr. Justice Rose responded for the law, and Rev. Chancellor Burwash for the clergy. "Medical Associations" was the next toast honored, Mr. L. T. Kellum proposing it, and Dr. Aikins, Dr. Ketchum and Dr. Smith replying. Next came the "Toronto General and Victoria Hospitals," Mr. E. M. Hooper proposing it, and Dr. Lee, Dr. O'Reilly and Dr. Dwyer responding. "Sister

Institutions" were then heartily honored, Mr. Lambly replying for McGill, Mr. Mascen for Bishop's, Mr. Heager for Queen's, Mr. James for London, and Mr. Pearson for Trinity. Mr. W. C. White proposed "Athletics," the response being by Messrs. Spence and Gillies. Mr. F. McNulty proposed "The Graduates," Dr. Donald Armour and Mr. McKay replying. To "The Ladies" Mr. McNamara replied, Mr. Elliot proposing it; and Mr. A. H. Addy proposed the toast of "The Freshmen," to which Mr. Crawford made response. This brought to an end a very pleasant dinner.

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THE MEDICAL PROSECUTOR ON VIAMI.

To the Editor of ONTARIO MEDICAL JOURNAL.

DEAR SIR,—There appeared in your valuable journal of September, 1894, an article under the heading, "Still After the Frauds." The article is the only one under that heading, and you publish it as taken from the *World*, August 4th. That article is a libel from start to finish. The *World* saw fit to publish a correction on October 28th, 1894. We enclose a clipping from that paper of that date. You kindly published the first article; we kindly ask you to please publish the correction in your next issue, and oblige,

THE TORONTO VIAMI CO.,

A. H. KEITH, *Manager*.

Toronto, Nov. 29th, 1894.

[This communication was received by us, and has been considered. In the following letter from Thos. Wasson, our reasons for non-retraction are given.—ED.]

To the Editor of ONTARIO MEDICAL JOURNAL.

DEAR SIR,—I have received from you a letter asking for information with respect to the case of A. H. Keith, of the Viavi Company, who was convicted and fined in August last of practising as a medical man without being registered, and have to state in reply that at the time I made a