

leading spirit in the Defence Association is richly merited. Although he may wince under it, the resolution cannot be construed into a personal attack on that gentleman. It is essentially an affirmation of principles, and if they chance to involve him, it cannot be helped.

The Defence Association sought for a platform for the whole profession; the plans were set forth in the circular, and it was fondly hoped that from one end of Ontario to the other, every medical man would mount the steps with alacrity. Dr. Sangster was constituted both architect and contractor; as a preparatory step he went through a prolonged course of mental gymnastics, and cultivated his ideality in long columns of the daily press, after which arduous exercise he set to work on his great task, the circular, and the brightest of anticipations cheered the author.

In our last two numbers we endeavoured to lift the veil and disclose what lay behind the circular; in seeking to place our readers in possession of the facts, it was necessary to point out the inaccuracies and deliberate garbling that so glaringly adorned that production, and the doctor is welcome to any encouragement he can take from the fact that the medical men of Guelph, after searching the records, think of the attitude of the Defence Association about as we do, and decline to commit their safety to a platform every other plank of which is struck with dry rot.

Brant county does not believe in unconstitutional methods, and desires that when legislation is found necessary it shall be effected through our representatives, not by the intervention of a self-constituted association. In the Toronto Medical Society, after a short address by Dr. Britton, the representative of Toronto University, the Brant county resolution was unanimously endorsed: we know in Toronto of but one or two instances of those who sympathize with the opponents of the Council; whatever room there may be for divergence of opinion concerning some of its methods, its end and aim from the commencement have been the upbuilding of the profession, and its efforts have been attended with a gratifying measure of success.

It has been asked time and again "Why has not the Council answered Dr. Sangster's charges which have appeared in the daily papers, and which cul-

minated in the circular?" We may surmise the answer: the Council has confidence in its integrity, and by affording every opportunity for investigation and giving full reports of its proceedings, it has shown that it trusts its fate to the good sense and fair judgment of the electorate; its record is open and above board and needs no comment; the testimony is in the hands of all the members of the college; they are competent to judge, and being equipped with both sides of the story, they are quite able to place a proper estimate on Dr. Sangster's statements.

The boast is made by the Defence Association that influence is being used privately with the members of the Legislative Assembly in order to further the ends set forth in the circular; the profession need have no fear that the Government will tolerate destructive legislation, but as a matter of policy it will naturally desire all available support, and it behooves the friends of the Council to lay the facts before their representatives: there is nothing to hide, and a candid statement cannot fail to carry conviction.

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At a meeting of the medical profession of the city, held on 28th March, 1893, at the Guelph General Hospital, the following resolutions were carried unanimously:—

*Resolved*,—1. That we cannot discover any just or reasonable cause for the present agitation against the existing Medical Council, carried on by those who have styled themselves The Medical Defence Association.

2. That we believe the cause of medical education, and the standing of our profession in this Province, have been greatly improved since medical affairs have been under the control of the Council.

3. That in our belief the erection of the college building was a necessity, and that in the near future the wisdom of the step will be apparent to everyone, as it will be found ere long to bring in yearly revenue that will aid in paying the legitimate expenses of the Council.

4. That we believe it is unjust and unfair that the fees should be accepted annually from some members whilst others are allowed to go on from year to year without paying.

5. That it is unwise, therefore, to repeal the recent amendment to the Ontario Medical Act,