

## Editorials.

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### The Proposed Petition to the Legislature.

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A COMMITTEE of the Council have prepared a petition which they are asking the members of the profession to sign and send to the Legislature. Let us examine and see what are its prayers.

1st. It asks that the Legislature shall not amend the Medical Act without first submitting the bill to the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Do the committee think it is either wise or politic to ask the House to set aside its undoubted powers in order to consult a body of gentlemen who are never of one mind as regards the interests of the profession? Does not this paper say in effect to the members of the Legislature, you are not capable of judging as to what is best for *our* profession? Have the Council any reason to complain of the care of the profession's interests shown by members of the House who are medical men? Is not this request liable to bring them into direct opposition to the Legislature?

2nd. The Council ask to have full control of premedical education. What has been the experience of the past? The Council set an examination for matriculation which was absurd, for the reason that this particular standard must be passed, no matter if the matriculant had passed a year or more at a university. Consequently the universities protested, and the Minister of Education took the pre-educational standard out of the hands of the Council. This being the fact, this request is something of an impertinence on the part of the Council.

3rd. The restoration of the medical tariff is prayed for. Of what use was it? Does anyone know anybody who abided by it? Did it prevent twenty-five-cent fees? Has the experience of the past year shown that we need it? Was it not a guide to judges in suits for recovery of debts rather than to the profession, and are we not just as likely to do as well before the courts now as formerly? We think we are.

4th. The increase of penalties against charlatans will naturally meet with support by the profession, but it will not meet with favor by the members of the Legislature, because of the cry against close corporations and so forth. It seems to us that this petition is a tactical blunder, and will do more harm than good.