

the whole Act wiped out ; and I would suggest here, as I have already done in another place, that the members of the profession in Ontario, who are aggrieved at some of the workings of the Act, meet the Medical Council, discuss the whole question, frame such amendments as may be in the interests of the profession and public, and then go to the Legislature as a united profession, asking for such alterations in the present Act as they have agreed upon, and I am sure the Legislature will grant them. I hope the Association will pardon me for this digression, but I speak feelingly, having the interests of the profession at heart and knowing something of the differences existing between some members of the profession and the Medical Council of Ontario.

Prior to 1867 the matriculation examinations in all our colleges was more a matter of form than anything else, and could be passed at any time before going up for the degree. At the present time it is quite different. Now it is equal to a second class teacher's certificate, with Latin, Physics and Chemistry compulsory, or junior matriculation in arts in any university, with the science course ; and the day is not far distant when it will become still higher and eventually reach a degree in arts ; and can anyone say that this should not be so ? A physician, above all men, should be thoroughly educated, for education is a great refiner, and in what calling or profession is this quality more essential than in ours ? What scenes we witness, what confidences we receive ? In and out of the family circle at all hours and under all circumstances, and always battling with pain, disease and death. And here it is that the refined physician shows the result of his early training, by soothing pain, curing or relieving disease, and sympathizing with the bereaved ; and, mark my words, it is only the man who thoroughly knows his profession that in the long run reaches the top of the ladder and who deserves and receives the gratitude of his patients and esteem and respect of his confrères.

I am indebted to Dr. Pepper of Philadelphia, and desire to return him my most sincere thanks, for a copy of his address, containing a vast amount of information on the subject of Medical Education, delivered by him a few years ago : In speaking of the system of medical education in the United States (and his