

annually upon all who pass the Council's examinations, for that body's proper support; the recent action of the Council doubling this same disputed fee, and currently known as the "double or quit" resolution; the issuing of a yearly license called the "Pill Pedlar's Certificate" to practice upon conditions which the Defence Association consider intolerable, as also the Council's action in placing in the hands of a single individual, one of its employees, the autocratic power, under certain circumstances, of cutting off the professional head of every practitioner in the Province.

The Defence Association also voice that latent conviction in the profession which has been forcing itself more and more strongly to the front every Council election, that the present number of elected members (12), the number 2,800 of us hope in, is too small, while 15 are sent by the votes of less than 80. These 12 are insufficient in influence or strength to rule the Council. When it comes to a question of Medical School interest against that of the general practitioner, they invariably succumb to the mixed blandishments and snubbings, the alternate hospitality and cool indifference, practised so skilfully on them. The result follows that the Council is ruled by the teachers sent there by bodies not representing a tittle of the interests of the profession, and often opposed to them; that it is desirable to increase the number of elected members from 12 to 17; that all election disputes be referred to the County Judge, and not to a member of the profession; that, however justified past Councils may have thought they were, in involving the profession in immense expense of the present building, or all the pressing need of funds, which the Council says exist, though the Treasurer states the contrary. It is claimed by the Defence Association such a condition could not exist, if it really does, if proper financial skill had been used. That the duty of this Council was not to attempt extorting from students and the profession, but to relieve them of the burden of this building, year by year growing more irksome, and cut down the expenses wherever possible.

They hold that the Council should have only one Confirmatory Final Examination; that tests of the progress of a student are nothing to the Council, and may be safely left to the teachers of medical subjects, who will take good care that

students go fully prepared to the Council's final test; that so many examinations are needless, expensive and vexatious; that neither the public nor profession are interested in the elementary steps of the students career in this regard; that universities having medical faculties engaged in active teaching, send one of that faculty as its representative to the Council annually, so long as that faculty is actually teaching with a full staff; that this representative will assume in his person, the duties performed by the two representatives heretofore sent from university and medical faculty; that no one will be received from any Senate, not approved of by its medical faculty; that no teacher in any university or medical school, nor one holding any position upon any faculty, nor connected in any function with the staff of any school where medical students are being taught, shall *hold any office whatsoever* in the control of the Council. That the term of office for the elected members be reduced from five to three years. That all notices of motion relating to any change in existing laws or regulations, given at the final meeting before the term of the then Council shall expire, shall be published in an Ontario medical journal, and accompany every official notice of that election, whenever or however printed or sent to the profession, that the profession may have full notice of all such matters, and their opinions expressed by their votes at the election.

There are many other matters—the great tax on students for examinations, the needless number for the purposes of the public or profession, the degree, which the ex-President Williams states so explicitly, the graduates receive no value for; the functions of the various offices, the effort to make the Medical Council, the exact reflex and power of the whole profession, to do away with all factors of antagonism, which have made the Medical Council appear more like a tyrant in the eyes of the profession than a righteous and powerful protector. In the carrying out of these briefly expressed and other much needed repairs, all who believe it their duty to join hands with the Defence Association will be welcomed.

Believe me, yours truly,

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