

formerly have been cordial. We do not propose to break them, and feel much inclined to pass over their little outbreak without embittering them by arguing these points out.

ONTARIO MEDICAL COUNCIL.

Dr. Cl. T. Campbell, President of the Council, in a letter to the *Mail* of July 7th, deals most fairly with the case of Dr. McCully. He shows that the same treatment has been meted out to him as in cases of the same nature which had previously been before the Council. That any clemency has been shown, we fail to see. The Council acted largely upon the advice of their solicitor, and are following the same course as they did in Dr. Washington's case. The latter was tried by the Discipline Committee, and found guilty on a number of charges. Through his solicitor he apologized to the Council, and promised that he would not repeat the offence. His promise, to use a colloquialism, was pie-crusty—apparently only made to be broken—as in a very short time he was acting as he had done before thus treating the Council as if of no authority. In consequence, his name was again before the Committee, and erased from the register of licensed practitioners. The Judge of the High Court sustained this decision on Dr. Washington's appeal.

Now, look at Dr. McCully's case. He is brought before the Council, and his promise to reform means a suspended sentence. If his actions are changed, then see what will come out of it before making complaint.

The *Mail*, in its editorial article of the same issue, asserts that we "have vainly endeavoured to sting the Council into a reply." The *Mail* can rest assured that a defence (if any were needed) has been made. Their egotism should not prevent them from knowing that there are other means of reaching the profession than through their own columns. Had they taken the trouble to read the pages of this journal for the past twelve months, particularly the editorial article in the issue of March, 1893, they would find the entire fabric built by Dr. Sangster in his celebrated circular, which was simply a rehash of his articles in the *Mail*, was dealt with most exhaustively, and in such a way that even to this day he has not seen

fit to answer it. He evidently preferred to appeal to the legislature, but the legislature failed him. And now if he wishes to act an honourable course, he and his followers should accept the legislation of last session, even though as much was not granted them as the Council offered to concede the Defence Association.

We have no hesitation in prophesying that the profession will be satisfied with the amendments to the Act.

There will be, in place of the old twelve territories, seventeen in the new distribution, giving the profession at large the commanding vote in the Council. Thus the electors will be able to express through their representatives their opinion on assessment, whether there shall be one, and if so, to what amount, as surely the profession in this Province can depend on their own ability to elect men who will support their views, and who are, besides, capable of transacting their business and guarding safely all the inroads on the profession.

If Dr. Sangster and the few men who surround him are honest in the course they are pursuing, they will now drop this public agitation and fight out their principle—if they have any—before an intelligent medical electorate, but we fear that much of the animus that has been shown towards the university and school representatives has been inspired by personal grievance. We have no doubt the secretary of the Association thinks that his son has not been fairly treated by the Board of Examiners of the Council. It is only necessary to refer to the report on this case in the Council proceedings in the June issue to satisfy any unbiased person that no injustice was done.

QUARANTINE.

There is undoubtedly a restless dissatisfaction manifest in the public mind regarding the management of the Quarantine stations at the Canadian frontier. From the evidence brought to light by the Medical Health Officer of the city of Toronto, it is quite apparent that the officer in charge of the Canadian Quarantine stations not only seeks to place little importance upon system and thoroughness, as exemplified in the matter relative to the eight Russian Poles, but when examples of actual neglect are brought under his notice he sarcastically