

ing their time and abilities to legislation in the Senate and Commons of the Dominion and of its several Provinces. The Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, the President of the Council of the same Province, the Minister of Railways in the Federal Government, are all physicians. Whether discharging the duties of members of parliament, if such shall be the lot of any of you, or the not less useful functions of physicians, bear constantly in mind that you are members of a profession *primarily* devoted to the *treatment* of disease, but which, in harmony with its genius, charges itself with the duty of informing society how to *prevent* and *guard against* disease." . . . I think it quite possible for a medical man to be a member of the Parliament of Canada and still retain his self respect.

While we are on the subject of politics I trust arrangements may soon be made whereby medical registration in Canada will be much modified and improved. As you are aware, a movement is on foot to establish a Dominion Medical Council, whose license to practice shall be general throughout the Dominion. In view of the possibility of some such scheme becoming law within the next year, I should strongly advise those of you who have no fixed plans to keep up your studies, with a view to passing the examination before that board in the near future. In the event of a failure of the measure, and, in any case, I wish to impress upon you the advisability of taking out your provincial license as you originally intended. This will not involve any additional cost. You can, however, do much towards the success of the scheme by advocating it in the various parts of Canada where your homes are situated, or where you settle in practice. Make it plain that there is no intention on the part of the promoters of the measure to interfere in any way with the rights at present enjoyed by the Provincial Licensing Boards. Those, which so desire, will continue as before, to examine and issue licenses to practice in their own province. The main objects of the movement are to improve medical education in Canada, to obtain reciprocity with Great Britain, to open the whole Dominion, and, indeed, the Empire, to deserving men, and to break down the barriers which at present exist between the various provinces. Any one of these is, I think, deserving of your support. We shall, therefore, look to you to lend us a helping hand.

Gentlemen, I will conclude this rambling address by wishing you all God-speed. Be assured we will rejoice always in your success and be ever proud of any reputation you may achieve.

Fare you well.