

to one who, above all others, had helped to place this institution in the position it occupies, whose talents reflected credit on its medical staff, whose time was ever at its command, and whose practical sympathy with its aim and its objects was well and widely known, should have had all the facts and circumstances laid before them, at any rate, before any publicity was given. We believe that no committee possess such authority. It is barely possible that some such special power may be secured to the executive of the corporation of the Winnipeg hospital; if so, the institution is unworthy of professional support. An attempt was recently made by the committee of the Queen's jubilee hospital, to suspend (not remove) Dr. Millican, one of the hospital staff. Dr. Millican refused to acknowledge their authority to do this, and obtained an injunction, with costs, restraining the managing committee, their officers and servants from interfering with him in the performance of his duties as one of the medical staff, or publishing his suspension. The removal of a medical man from the staff of a hospital is an act of so grave a nature, possibly carrying with it such serious consequences, that it should be exercised only after the most patient investigation, the positive proof of the charges after a kindly consideration of the surrounding circumstances, and finally, should never be carried out unless sanctioned by a preponderating vote of the whole corporate body.

If the professional future of a medical man is liable to be destroyed at any time, at the whim of a hospital committee, it is time that each member of the profession should well weigh the possibilities before giving his services to any institution whatsoever. But, fortunately, throughout the world, in the management of the innumerable institutions for the treatment of disease, we believe a parallel instance to this, which we cannot find words strong enough to condemn, would be impossible to quote. We must do these gentlemen the justice to say that we believe no sinister motive actuated them; but, nevertheless, we assert that they were guilty of an error of the gravest magnitude, and one pregnant with evil to

the charity in which they evince such praiseworthy interest and which under their fostering care has attained to such a prominent position among sister institutions. Our words are written in the interest of the profession and in no hostile feeling to the governing body of the hospital to whom we willingly accord that credit to which they are fully entitled, but it would be disastrous to this and similar institutions if any member of the medical staff of a hospital could be so summarily dealt with on grounds so insufficient as those which are in the possession of the public.

Further, we regret much to hear that a gentleman connected with the institution from its birth, and who has always shown a warm interest in its welfare but who differed with the other members of the managing body with regard to their action in the above matter, has been jockeyed out of his position as a member of the executive committee of the hospital. *Fiat justitia ruat cælum.*

COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF MANITOBA.

This College is very properly drawing the attention of the profession to the unblushing effrontery of two parties who, either being too ignorant or too indolent to qualify themselves for the profession of medicine, are actually seeking an Act of Parliament from the Local Legislature to permit of their practising on the lives of the residents of the Province of Manitoba without any qualification or training entitling them so to do: were it not so serious a matter, the supreme absurdity of the proceeding would be very amusing, but that such a possibility of injury to the public might become a reality, it is necessary that the Manitoba College may have extended powers enabling them to refuse registration to persons holding doubtful qualifications, unless after such further examination by this College as may be decided upon. If acts of local legislatures can make professional men without examination as to competency, the whole system of education might be wiped out; but we cannot believe that there is one member of the Legislature