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*To the Medical electors of Territorial Division
No. 12:*

GENTLEMEN,—When last January I acceded to the request of a large majority of your number, and allowed myself to be put in nomination as a candidate for election to the Medical Council, I refused point blank to make personal canvass of the constituency. I thought then, as I think now, that the position should seek the man and not the man the position. Among the many objections to a private canvass, not the least is that it exposes one to the charge of using private detraction and private misrepresentation for the furtherance of his aims. I have no reason to doubt the personal honour and integrity of my opponent in this contest. I cannot believe, therefore, that he is wilfully traducing me or misrepresenting my views and intentions, or that he is seriously urging the fact of his youthfulness as an unanswerable plea in his favour. Youth is no disparagement to any man, and is a fortunate accident to those who happily possess it; but it is not generally supposed to be a guarantee of wisdom in counsel, or moderation in aim, or firmness in resisting the seductive influences of metropolitan and professional association, to which so many elected members of the Medical Council have, in past years, succumbed. Ten years ago this constituency, on just such grounds, withdrew its support from the late Dr. Allison, who had served it faithfully, and elected in his stead its present representative—the then young man who now runs the *Ontario Medical Journal*, and stands behind my opponent. It is a question whether, with the experience thus gained, it will care to repeat the experiment, or regard mere youthfulness as a desideratum. I want to say something more on this and other positions taken by my opponent, and very greatly

prefer saying them in his presence. I desire moreover to give him an opportunity of placing himself right with the electors on the charge of misrepresentation. With this end in view, I have asked my friend, Dr. Coburn, to arrange, if possible, with Dr. Cotton for a series of six joint meetings of the medical electors of No. 12, in say Lindsay, Cannington, Aurora, Lambton Mills or Toronto Junction, Markham and Whitby, at such dates as may suit Dr. Cotton's convenience. Pending this arrangement I only desire to refer to my printed address and to much reiterated assurance that neither I nor my friends, whether elected or not, contemplate doing anything which can jeopardize the existence of the Council, or endanger the essential features of the Medical Act. The charge that we do is one contrived and urged by the schools to keep the timid in line, and prevent an unbiased expression of opinion by the medical electorate. Nor will I advocate, in or out of the Council, any legislation or measures which are not obviously and palpably just as much in the interests of the younger members of the College as of those who are in the "sear and yellow leaf." In fact, I am at a loss to understand where any diversity of interest can exist between the old and the young of our profession, or on what grounds it can be urged that "we young men should cling together," or "we young men have our own interests to look after."

If Dr. Cotton will meet me as proposed, he is perfectly at liberty to bring to his assistance any of the Toronto-school men who are so eager for his election. Being anxious to help his candidature in "a quiet way," perhaps they would be glad to embrace an opportunity of doing so more openly.

Yours, etc.,

JOHN H. SANGSTER.

Port Perry, Sept. 12th, 1894.