

interest our readers. The writer, thinking that every member of the college in good standing had access to the books of the college, wrote first to the Treasurer and then to the President asking for permission to verify certain statements that had been made regarding the Council's expenditures. As will be noticed, refusal was given in each instance to the request made. Why is this the case? What have the Council to conceal? Are they afraid of any disclosures that might be made? Would it not be very much better to grant access to the books and by that means, perhaps, save further criticism?

The following facts regarding the business methods of the College of Physicians and Surgeons certainly make interesting reading, and, were the same facts applicable to any business concern, it would be a very short time before the services of an official assignee would have to be called in. In 1905 the Medical Council had a cash balance of \$62,580.56, which during the year 1906 grew to \$66,161.44. In 1907 the college purchased their new building on University Avenue, reducing their balance to \$48,359.41. In 1908 we find that their balance fell to \$44,745.17. We fear very much that when the statement of 1909 appears this balance will be still further reduced.

The expenses of the Council seem to have steadily increased out of all proportion to the increase in its income. During the years 1906-1907, the income amounted to \$25,577.69, and the expenditure to \$21,997.11.