

you will with flowers and papers, seems to hang like a chilling pall around them.

We close with Dryden's beautiful stanza, expressive of the power of music—trusting that a word fitly spoken may prove, "like apples of gold in pictures of silver."

We have, most of us listened—as the gods are here described as doing—at some period or other of our existence to the enchanting strain of music with like rapture and agreeable astonishment.

"When Jubal struck the chorded shell,
His listening brethren thronged around,
And, wondering, on their faces fell,
To worship that celestial sound.
Less than a god, they thought, there could not dwell,
Within the hollow of that shell,
That sung so sweetly and so well!"

TORONTO UNIVERSITY ELECTIONS.

Our contemporary in this city, the Toronto School of Medicine "organ," in an article in the May issue, and intended as a leader, says in regard to the elections to the Senate of Toronto University which take place on the 8th inst. :—"We shall be glad to see Prof. Loudon and Dr. Thorburn re-elected, and we hope that Dr. Graham may be successful;" in other words, the "organ" desires the election of the two medical men of its own school. "There needs no ghost to tell us this." It is quite characteristic and perfectly in keeping with the various stratagems and devices of the members of this school. They cannot brook fair competition, but are continually endeavoring to form rings and obtain monopolies. The question with the graduates, however, should be, and no doubt will be, which of the candidates seeking election will best serve the interests of the University? Neither the graduates nor the University can have any interest in giving to the Toronto School of Medicine a *sixth* representative on the Senate. The faculty of this school has completely repudiated its former advocacy of single affiliations by taking the earliest opportunity of *affiliating with Victoria College*. It has therefore less claim than ever to increased representation. Should the nominees of this school be successful in their candidature, there will be the very unusual and somewhat anomalous spectacle of six members of a body in close affiliation with a rival University, sitting and voting in the Senate

of Toronto University. We ask in all sincerity is this desirable? Is it becoming?

The "organ" is very much exercised about a circular which was issued, dated April 16th, 1879, a copy of which we also received, recommending the candidature of Prof. Loudon, Wm. Houston, and Dr. Jas. H. Burns, and signed "Graduates of Toronto University." This circular placed the issue fairly before the graduates, and the authors are to be congratulated upon the fact that there was not a single statement in it which could be refuted. Not even the "organ" with its green-eyed goggles could discover a solitary flaw, and so it sets to work to abuse the authors (plaintiff's attorneys) in the following choice language: "Their only claim to be heard is that they are such (graduates);" "their names are unworthy to be associated with the title;" "the old animus is again apparent;" "discreditable to its authors;" "undutiful sons of *alma mater*;" "they will appear supremely ridiculous;" "unscrupulous partizans;" &c., &c.

It is a great pity that there should be any squabbles over these elections. It all arises, however, from the insatiable greed of office, of members of the above mentioned school, and their persistent attempts to get control, if possible, of the national University and the sooner some remedy is applied to this unsatisfactory state of affairs the better.

RECIPROCITY IN MEDICAL REGISTRATION.

In another column will be found extracts from the minutes and proceedings of the British Medical Council, in regard to the matter of reciprocal registration between Great Britain and the Colonies. An additional amendment was proposed by Dr. Quain to be introduced into the bill now before the House of Commons, but which, for obvious reasons, was subsequently rescinded. It proposed that any of the medical authorities might confer, *without examination*, on a colonial subject, a degree, diploma or license, on payment of a nominal fee, entitling him to be registered in Great Britain, provided that the medical authority had received satisfactory evidence of character, education, and examination in a recognized colonial university or licensing board, and should any medical corporation refuse to give him a diploma, he still had the right of appeal to the Medical Council.

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