

only exception being modes of treatment, except surgical, for which all should be required to pass a uniform examination.

We have this spectacle—of two or three defunct universities with representation on the Ontario Medical Council Board. This should not be. Only those institutions actively engaged in the teaching of medicine should be represented on the Ontario Medical Council.

Some overzealous friends of the provincial university have urged the claims of that institution that its graduates be granted license to practice upon the presentation of their graduation diplomas, without further examination. I am utterly opposed to this. Not that I have any ill-feelings against the medical department of the University of Toronto, which I consider one of the best on the continent, but I consider such action would be unfair towards the medical department of Queen's University and the Western University, both institutions of which have been strong in their endeavors to uphold the standards of medical education in this province.

Medicine, let me repeat, is a science of practical utility. It found its origin in the necessity of relieving human misery. It was, at its birth, but a simple and rude empiricism. When we behold that to-day, with the most rigorous and exact methods, that the natural sciences can place at our disposal when we contemplate that our scientific efforts have already won a well-attested success, by means of incorruptible statistics when we realize by what means medicine is now able to protect the life and health of the individual, and how it can save a whole continent from the ravages of epidemics when, in fine, our hearts may, with just pride, exult at this noble conviction—that no other science is as generous and as altruistic as that of medicine. It is not the solemnity of this moment, it is not the eclat of this meeting, that force me to make the assertion that each of our confreres and collaborators, the youngest as well as the most modest, even he, whose name is yet unknown, and who seeks in the seclusion of a laboratory the thread of a truth, the solution of a problem, the answer to a question that he has asked himself, each, has reason and right to exclaim, "It is an honor, a privilege, and a joy to be a physician!"