

## Correspondence.

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### MEDICAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

EDITOR DOMINION MEDICAL MONTHLY:

SIR,—On the eve of the most important election to medical men ever held in Ontario, I desire to ask my fellow-practitioners a few pertinent questions:

*Only two parties in the contest—the Profession and the Schools.*

1. Do you understand and appreciate the fact that there are in this contest only two parties—the profession and the schools? Wherever in these elections a Defence candidate is opposed either by a member of the old Council or by a so-called independent man, whatever may be the professions or protestations of the latter before election, he will be found subsequently thereto among the subervient supporters of the school contentions—he will be found voting for an annual assessment on the profession, and in favor of allowing the schools and universities to go as heretofore scot-free; he will be found voting for the reinstitution of Sec. 41 A, which expels from the profession and reduces to the status of a quack, every member of the College who refuses or neglects to pay a tax to be collected and spent by the appointees over whom we have no control; he will be found voting against professional independence and in favor of the expensive and extravagant and irresponsible regime which has hitherto existed. Are you going to vote for the profession or for the schools? Are you at the dictum or solicitation of any man or set of men going to lose this opportunity of casting your ballot in favor of clean, responsible and economical self-government? If not, vote for straight Defence men wherever they are running as candidates.

*What use has the profession for independent men?*

2. What use has the profession for independent men? Do we ever hear of the schools and universities or the homœopaths sending independent men to the Medical Council? On the contrary, every appointee sent there is selected and appointed because he is known to be a partizan—because, when the occasion arises, he can be relied upon to fight tooth and nail for school contentions and school privileges. And to oppose this compact and consolidated body of appointees, aided and abetted by the equally solid homœopathic contingent, do you propose to stultify yourself by sending there a so-called independent who, I repeat, is only a school supporter in disguise? Even at the eleventh hour, arouse yourself and rise to the measure of your profession's need and vote like a man.

*Is your representative to be a man or a jelly-fish?*

3. Is your representative to be a man or a jelly-fish? Is he to be a stalwart or a weakling? Have you not yet seen the evil of sending to that Council pliable cartilaginous things that cannot keep a straight spine? Is it not time you were represented there by strong vertebrate manhood? Are the schools still to place and move your representatives like the pawns upon a chess-board? Have you been scared by the charge that Defence men are extreme men? What useful reform—political or ecclesiastic, or municipal, or social, or professional—has ever been wrought by other than extreme men? Extreme men are the salt of the earth, are the strong wine of humanity, are the monitors and the spurs to better things. Do you refuse their aid? You cannot put the tensional electricity of high resolve into a jelly-fish or into a pail of milk and water. The professional house is all ablaze; do you expect to put the fire out by pouring