

endeavor to eradicate this evil and protect the people from these hordes of get-rich-quick parasites. These schemes have their birth in the densely populated centres to the south of us, and they should not be allowed to secure a footing in our fair land. Nor is there any need for special legislation in this province for any sect pretending to practise a particular kind of healing art. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario permits all kinds of honourable practice by its members. Let these Yankee inventors now seeking to invade our province and evade its laws pass our examinations and comply with our requirements just as you have to do, and as we all had to do. Our examinations are the fairest possible, and fewer complaints have been made against them than against those of any other examining body in Ontario.

Another large and promising field in the politics of our profession, and one worthy of your best efforts, is that of Dominion registration of medical men. Our system of registration is provincial only. Dr. Roddick, of Montreal, worked faithfully and well in this direction but his efforts have not yet been crowned with success. This is a wide field for the exercise of your political genius. Think it over, discuss it at your meetings and let us have the results of your deliberations. I have known students to succeed when others failed in matters of public interest, and I have faith in the wisdom of the student body. At all events, learn while young to take an active part in the affairs of life, for the good of the profession and for the public good. Inaction is an evil habit that grows fast and strong. Medical men contribute largely to the public good, and are entitled to the prominence their ability merits in the directing of the affairs of their country.

Your chosen profession is ancient and honourable, and The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is the name applied to it in its corporate capacity in this province. All licensed medical practitioners in Ontario are members of this body, and from among themselves they elect a certain number to compose their council or executive head of the profession. Every member of the profession in good standing is eligible for election to its council and this council is the legislative body or parliament of the profession. Give this system your best support. Uphold this executive head of the profession. It has been in existence for nearly half a century. It is your best professional friend. Its establishment brought order out of chaos, harmony out of discord. By its agency an impetus was given and is continually being given to medical education in this province,