

a member of the Council it shall be my earnest endeavour to promote the well-being of the profession in this Province by requiring every student to take an arts degree in lieu of any other preliminary examination. It must be remembered the B. A. degree can be secured by simply passing the examinations, and without attending a university, so that worthy but poor men need not be precluded from entering the profession in consequence of this requirement. All the medical colleges in England, Ireland and Scotland only grant the degree of M. D. when the candidate has received the degree of B.A., or passed an examination in arts equivalent thereto, and studied medicine five or more years. By making the standard for the license to practise in Ontario the B.A. degree and four full years medical study subsequent thereto, the Council will, to some extent, approach that adopted in Great Britain, and it is easy to comprehend that such a course will stop the overcrowding of the profession, and it will, in every sense, be in the true interest of the public.

In Ontario to-day there is one physician to every 800 of the population, as against one to 1,500 in England. The rapid increase of the physicians in this Province is shown by the fact that only a few years ago the ratio was one medical practitioner to upwards of twelve hundred of the people, and the prospect for a still more serious increase is shown by the fact that in Toronto at present there are 600 medical students, besides those in Kingston, London, Ont., and McGill College, making it fair to assume that there are at least 900 men now preparing themselves to enter the practise of medicine in Ontario, while the population, owing to migration to the North-West, is remaining almost stationary. In soliciting your vote and influence in this election, I do so for the reasons expressed in the resolutions mentioned above, and because if elected to the Council I shall endeavour to inaugurate the reforms I have named, and in every way possible I shall labour in the interest of our profession and in the interest of the members of the Bathurst and Rideau Division.

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Yours truly,

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