

# THE DEANSHIP OF THE MEDICAL FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

EDITOR DOMINION MEDICAL MONTHLY:

SIR,—It is recent history since Dr. W. T. Aikins was deposed from the Deanship of the Medical Faculty. For nearly forty years Dr. W. T. Aikins has given much of his time to the advancement of medical education and the good of the medical profession of this Province. He was Dean of the Toronto School of Medicine at the time of Confederation in 1887. He had held this position ever since the organization of the school. It was under his wise government of the institution that it had grown from nothing to a college with about 250 students in attendance. He continued to act as Dean of the Medical Faculty until 1892. Most will remember the memorable row that took place in University affairs on that date. In the Medical Faculty there was a majority opposed to the Dean, and consequently they voted him out.

It is the writer's opinion that no wiser move could be resorted to than that of restoring Dr. W. T. Aikins to the Deanship that he filled so long and so well, in the full enjoyment of the confidence of the medical profession.

Yours, etc.,

A GRADUATE.

## IN THE WRONG PLACE.

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SIR,—Some years ago a friend of mine while visiting a ranch in Texas, saw a plowman doing excellent work with a tandem of a horse and mule, under the leadership of the horse. The work got along so well that my friend decided to

try the scheme on his own farm. But failure and disaster were the result, for he hitched the mule in front of the horse, and the mule ultimately kicked the brains out of the horse.

Let me apply the moral to the Medical Council and its organ, the *Ontario Medical Journal*. If the self-respect of the *personnel* of our Council was not below par, it would refuse to be led into the distressing and mortifying dilemma it finds itself, and would put the *Journal* in the rear. As it is it frightens no one. Acting on the theory, *similia similibus curantur*, it is rapidly kicking the brains out of the Council; in the seventeen constituencies only six of the present members are out for re-election. Poor horse! poor mule! poor Medical Council! and poor *Medical Journal*!

Yours, etc.,

J. H. T.

## CONVICTED OF UNTRUTHFULNESS.

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SIR,—The *Journal* of last month (only just to hand), in continuance of the unworthy tactics it has from its inception pursued, accuses me of misrepresentation and of making rash statements. Whenever that high-toned periodical or the powers behind it have been faced with unpleasant facts or figures, it has thought it quite sufficient to make a vague denial of their correctness, and when convicted of untruthfulness, its invariable and convincing reply has been—"You're another." It has been our most unpleasant duty more than once to impugn the veracity of an ex-president or an official editor; but we have at least, on such occasions, given accumulated and overwhelming evidence of the truthfulness of our charge. Per-