

dishonorable and criminal practitioners, is a very different matter. To many the latter function seems to be the all-important one. At all events the time has come when we must consider the advisability of endeavoring to establish the University Medical Faculty in such a position that it may develop, unhampered by narrow and humiliating restrictions.

"Students who pass the university examinations, and have then to undergo the council examinations, properly and justly complain of the strain to which they are unnecessarily subjected, and frequently assert that when they reach the final test, they are so fagged mentally that they are quite incapable of doing justice to themselves. No doubt this is quite true, and when we recollect that in many instances students of the very highest type, whose knowledge of their subjects was undoubted, have failed before the council, while weak students have passed, the explanation seems adequate."

That the Medical Council which has gone out of existence into a somewhat dishonored history did many things that lowered its standing, both in the eyes of the medical profession and the public, there can be no doubt. There was a fierce storm over the administration of the funds. There has also been much discontent on the method of conducting the examinations, and the results of the same. The curriculum of studies has not been exempt from criticism.

But the Medical Council has done much good in the past, and for the sake of its past, we must be prepared to forgive some of its recent failings. The medical council of Ontario is the Medical Parliament for Ontario. It is the one body that does not teach and is not looking for students, nor under any inducements to make itself popular with those who intend to study medicine.

We have often pointed out that in Great Britain a degree from the universities, and a diploma from one of the many teaching colleges, enables the holder to practise. All he has to do is to register his qualification in London, Edinburgh, or Dublin.

The General Medical Council of Great Britain fixes a standard and generally sees that the universities and colleges keep their standard of teaching and examination up to the requirements of the Medical Council. The condition in Ontario differs in this that the candidate for registration must pass the examinations of the Medical Council.

We have said many times in as plain words as we can command that there are too many examinations. It is a grave injustice to a student to leave his university examinations while fatigued and at once undergo the council ordeal. But this could be overcome by a joint board of