

All will agree that information in the ordinary way should be furnished by the officials to members of the profession as well as to members of the Council, and, to the credit of the officials, we wish to say that we have yet to learn of the first case, when information has been courteously requested, that it has not been cheerfully furnished.

The Executive changes from year to year. Its actions are governed by the judgment and discretion of its individual members, and cannot be expected to give universal satisfaction, as few, if any, organizations do; but that its course is dictated by, and in the main, is in the interest of the profession, is beyond controversy.

Yours, etc.,

J. ARTHUR WILLIAMS.

Ingersoll, May 25th, 1897.

Should the Medical Profession of Ontario be Self-Governed?

To the Editor of the CANADIAN MEDICAL REVIEW:

SIR,—About the middle of April I received a communication from the Secretary of the Ontario Medical Association asking me to read a paper at the approaching meeting, to which I sent the following reply:

BOWMANVILLE, April 15th, 1897.

"J. N. E. Brown, Esq.:

"DEAR SIR,—Yours of the 12th, asking me to contribute a paper at the approaching meeting of the Ontario Medical Association, I received this morning. I would be glad to furnish a paper on 'Should the Medical Profession of Ontario be Self-governed?' The question is one of vital importance to the honor, the dignity and the solidarity of the profession, and might well and advantageously be discussed by the Provincial Association. For this course there is precedent, for Dr. Williams, of Ingersoll, some three or four years ago discussed Council matters before your Association. If agreeable to the Executive, I will be glad to prepare a paper on the above subject.

"Yours truly,

"J. W. McLAUGHLIN."

Not having received any answer to this for some weeks, I took it that "silence gave consent," and prepared the paper. A month after the first letter was received another came from the Secretary informing