

Dr. Phillip's place in No. 8, and Dr. Thornton that of Dr. Ruttan in No. 14. May these two successful ones prove worthy of their predecessors, is the wish of all well-meaning medical men; Dr. Phillip's place is especially hard to fill, his reputation for hard work and astuteness in Council work being of the very highest among his fellow members.

The new members are many, and their mettle is to be tried. From our knowledge we are satisfied that the temper of metal will be found hard and accurate, having few cross-grains running through it. Toronto is fortunate in her choice of men, as Drs. Machell and Barrick are both first-class medical practitioners, successful in their business, and both, men who will use their energies and minds, which are of the best, to further the interests of the medical profession and the public, as affected by that profession.

Our old opponent in the (may we say) literary line - although in our humble-mindedness we do not profess to consider ourselves such adepts in argument and twisting of arguments - Dr. J. H. Sangster, has been returned in No. 12, and if his abilities are used as well in the work of the Council as they were in combating that body before, we will be very pleased to congratulate him.

Far be it from us to cavil at the opinion of the electors in any Division, but we can scarcely help expressing our surprise at the election by acclamation of the member for Division No. 13, Dr. McLaughlin. The example set by Dr. Day, who retired when a new election took place because of a Government appointment, should have had some weight in the choice of a seat which was aspired to and obtained by a physician who is not allowed to practise, and holds exactly the same position in another county. Dr. McLaughlin may have considered himself justified in running, but a man who is a non-combatant, so to speak, cannot be in touch with professional interests to the same extent as one making his living by his brains and experience.

The Collegiate representatives come back unchanged, and their actions have certainly justified the faith put in them by the various institutions.

The Homœopathic portion of medicine has an able addition in Dr. Emory, of Toronto. He has made great headway against big odds, and has shown himself to be strong all over.

In speaking of the different members, we cannot

refrain from mentioning the length of service of some of the old members to this new Council. The oldest member is Sir James Grant, M.D., M.P., who has held his seat since the formation of that body, in 1866. Next come Drs. Logan and Henderson, both Homœopaths, in 1875; followed by Dr. Geikie, from Trinity Medical school, in 1876. Of the elected representatives, Dr. Bray, who has never had a contest, his popularity and good worth being so high as to cause his return by acclamation through four elections, and Dr. Williams, of Ingersoll, appear in their seats in 1880. The remaining members have all been chosen since 1885.

A glance at the legislation enacted during the last fifteen years shows the profession in our province raised to a position superior to that in any other province or State in America. All medical men know and understand this, but the public, or a portion of it, seem to be always forgetting that legislation for the profession is legislation for the protection of the public. The farmers, through their chosen representative, seem to be convinced that the Council should be done away with, evidently not recognizing the fact that one of the great aims of this body is to supply respectable practitioners and keep out quacks and fakirs, who empty their pockets and give nothing in return. Ontario, as we all can see plainly, is freer from this nuisance than any other place on the continent, and all because of the action of the Discipline Committee of the Council.

Surely every man, woman and child, when sick, or the victim of some accident, should feel grateful that when they are attended by any member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, they are in the hands of a man who has been well and accurately trained in all branches of both medicine and surgery, and that they will secure at his hands the most skilful treatment, and reap the advantages of his long course of study in the universities and hospitals.

The election in Territorial Division No. 15 has been appealed to the County Judge, as the majority was only one; this will be the first case under the new Act, which transfers all appeals from the Council to the Senior County Judge of the Territorial Division in which the election takes place.