

## Medical Council.

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*Interests of medical electorate unsafe in hands of Executive Committee in its present shape—It has never respected Council's published curriculum—Its laxity in this respect inspired and made feasible the efforts of Schools to establish a matriculation standard fixed at minimum of Council's actual, not published, requirements—Council's curriculum as to matriculation has been merely a paper curriculum--Some pertinent questions.*

*To the Editor of the CANADIAN MEDICAL REVIEW.*

SIR,—In my last letter but one, I took occasion to explain that, in the matter of professional politics, medical school journals are necessarily and notoriously tainted sources of information and advice, and that, consequently, their editorials thereon—howsoever plausibly they may be set forth—are, if accepted by the electorate at all, to be so accepted only critically and with much reserve. Unhappily, before the era of independent medical journalism in Ontario, these were the only local periodicals within the reach of the electorate, and they were not without their influence in forming the public opinion of the profession, which they never lost an opportunity of warping to their own ends. Even yet we occasionally meet with a medical fogey—old, middle-aged or young—who still accepts their contentions at their face value, but I trust and believe that most of my fellow-practitioners in the Province have, at last, learned that the only safe and proper frame of mind—in which to peruse the editorial lucubrations of medical school teachers and professors, touching whatever pertains to the government, internal economy or well-being of the profession—is that of Æneas, "*Timeo Danaos et dona ferentes.*"

My last letter was devoted chiefly to a review of the very far-fetched excuse invented by Dr. Williams, on behalf of himself and a few other territorials, for uniformly opposing by their votes and influence all efforts at retrenchment and other needed reforms projected in the interests of the electorate. While admitting that there is, happily, increased snap in the Council debates, I asked your many readers to go to the record and to critically examine the terms in which these reforms were urged, and to then judge for themselves the utter inadequacy of the "most lame and impotent" apology suggested. A representative's obligations to his constituents are imperative. They are not to be measured by the one-foot rule of private likes or dislikes. He is bound to regard every question that may arise in debate, touching the interests and well-being of the electorate,