

matters of curriculum. Section 6, Sir Oliver Mowat's substitute for our proposition, is not distinctly so restrictive, but, besides giving us much, it obviously contains the germ of all we asked for, and the full development of this is only a matter of time.

It will be thus seen that the Medical Defence Association has already engraved its mark broadly and deeply, and, we trust, also beneficially, on the medical legislation of Ontario. Notwithstanding the opinion ventured by the respected ex-president of the council, that the Legislature had refused to make radical alterations in the law, we think that the amendments secured are so vital in character, and so far-reaching in effect, as to strike to the very root of the council's constitution. Though not quite prepared to accept the changes obtained as a settlement in full of our claims, we are eminently well satisfied with the results of our first year's efforts. We have won a great victory over a very powerful array of hostile forces, and we feel that we can honestly felicitate ourselves and our association on the brilliant success of the campaign, and also congratulate the profession at large on the happy removal of the main causes of irritation and strife heretofore producing dissension in our ranks. We gratefully acknowledge our deep obligations to the Ontario Government and to the Legislature for the patient hearing given to our complaints, and for their impartial and enlightened endeavors to remove the worst of our grievances, as far as these were within their reasonable control.

I am further directed to state for your information, and also in order to allay the solicitude developed in the Medical Council during its recent meeting as to the numerical strength of our association, that our enrolled membership now numbers 1,129. Of the printed post-cards issued by us to the profession, only 1,226 were returned; 1,136 came back dated and signed, and in nearly every instance answered affirmatively as to each question, and in every case answered "yes" as to the first and last questions. These names were enrolled. The remaining ninety, though answered "yes" in many instances as to some of the questions, were, through being unsigned or blank, or negative as to the essential questions, counted against us. One gentleman in the county of Lambton has since withdrawn his name without assigning any reason. Of the sixty-two gentlemen in Toronto who joined our association, six subsequently wrote to ask that their names be erased from our lists, in every case professing continued sympathy and agreement with our movement, but declining—as did a number of others in Toronto, who did not return the cards at all—to be publicly identified with us because of "the intensely bitter feeling manifested by the men connected with the medical schools towards all persons sympathizing with the association." These seven withdrawals are all that we have any knowledge of. I may further add, for the solace of those