

severe, but, notwithstanding what, from the standpoint of loyalty to the profession, I conceive to be Dr. Williams' aberrance, I see much to admire in him. I would like to find him at one with us, and, in the short lecture reported on page 35 of the Announcement, there are several indications that we may ere long see things eye to eye. Notwithstanding his former averments to the contrary, he therein owns that we ought to believe our opponents "honest in their motives"—that "we can secure by mild methods what we cannot drive out of the Anglo-Saxon" (the annual tax?)—that "coercion finds but little favor with men constituted after the ordinary type of human nature," etc. These are just some of the truths the Defence Association have been insisting on for years past. If Dr. Williams now really believes what he says, and will act up to his belief, another short step or two will make our *rapprochement* complete, and thenceforth the territorial representatives in the Council will present as unbroken a front as the School men or the homœopaths. Meanwhile it is a far cry from advocating the use of the *argumentum baculinum*, to singing pæans of praise to the marvellous potency of plausibility. Yet Dr. Williams may not intend to thus run to such extremes. If not, were some of his friends—some whom he believes to be his friends—to call his attention to these inconsistencies, he might not be so prone to blow hot and blow cold, and we should better know just where to find him.

Yours, etc.,

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Port Perry, November 9, 1896.

Loyalty to Alma Mater.

To the Editor of the CANADIAN MEDICAL REVIEW.

SIR,—We hear a great deal from certain School men that we should all be loyal to our Alma Mater. This is very fine from their standpoint, as they are on the hunt for students, and wish to use the graduates as so many propagandi. But just look. A short time ago when an appointment had to be made to the subject of anatomy the authorities had to go outside of the alumni and secure talent from the University of Edinburgh. This gentleman may be a friend of another Edinburgh man who has some pull. Will the Council of the Medical Faculty of Toronto University explain, and oblige

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