

suggest the following as presumably effective :— (1.) The destruction of all wandering, ownerless dogs. (2.) The discouragement of keeping useless dogs, by taxation or other means. (3.) Prohibiting importation of dogs from countries where rabies is prevalent, or the imposition of quarantine. (4.) Compulsory muzzles in districts where rabies is prevalent.

OUR MEDICAL COUNCIL.

In one of our city dailies, following the list of members of the medical faculty of Toronto University, it is suggested that the degree of M.D. of Toronto University be accepted as a licence to practise, thus ignoring the most vital *raison d'être* of our Council. Can anyone suggest for a moment that the graduates (who are to be) of Toronto University, shall be set down, as so far above those, of say, Queen's or Trinity, that they shall be granted immunity from passing the Council examinations? Such suggestions are utter nonsense. Grant such power to Toronto, and every other university in the Province *must* insist on equal rights, and our Council's "occupation's gone." It is a good thing to know that the standard of the new (?) school is to be so high that we shall need no further guarantee of the thoroughness of the training given to their students. Modesty is an excellent thing, and we admire the very modest tone which pervades this article, which was, we assume, inspired by one of the new faculty. This new faculty is to be *facile princeps*, though its members have been named only a few days ago.

Such a concession to Toronto University would simply have the effect of throwing us back to the days before the Council was called into existence. There being no central examining body, or at least each University having the power to grant a licence to practise, cheaply won degrees would naturally follow, for wherever degrees could be most easily obtained, there would the great bulk of students find their way.

"The Medical Council," says the writer of this article, "did excellent work *in the past*," but in view of the great facilities which the medical faculty of the Provincial University will have of imparting a high order of medical education, the students of the latter ought to be exempted from

further examination than that provided by their own college.—(The Italics are our own).

This would be equivalent, as we understand it, to the entire subversion of the Council, a proceeding which we are sure will meet with the almost unanimous opposition of the profession. Our Council was not, when first instituted, a body of which we could be proud, and the old adage of "give a dog a bad name," etc., is quite as true of a corporation as of an individual; yet, so high has been the character of the men who have composed the Council for some years past, and who now compose it, that they have succeeded in gaining the respect and confidence not only of the profession, but of the public at large. It has done and is now doing an excellent work, a work which the profession cannot afford to have discontinued, and we are sure that the profession will see that it will not be snuffed out in any such free and easy way as is suggested by the writer of the article above alluded to. The questions of June examinations, and of the absorption of the Council (as examiners) into the new faculty, as suggested in the same article, are important ones, but space forbids any further reference to them at present.

THE ONTARIO MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

A number of prominent medical men in Ontario have recently devised a scheme for the formation of a Medical Library for the Province. The idea is a good one, and, we believe, requires only to be brought before the notice of the profession to receive a hearty support. The object is that a reference Medical Library be formed, not for Toronto, but for the Province, and Toronto being the most central point, has been chosen as the most convenient situation for this much-needed institution. The proposed scheme is that a joint stock company be formed, with a capital of \$10,000. The shares are to be \$5 each; and it is proposed that the payments shall be extended over a period of five years. So far, about \$2500 has been subscribed, and the organizers feel much encouraged by the many proofs they have already had of the feasibility and popularity of the scheme. It is hoped that the list of books may, from time to time, be augmented by donations from physicians, who