

We believe it will be remedied, but we believe it should be remedied so that all the universities in Ontario would be on equal footing. There must be no monopoly in education. The Ontario Medical Council should have powers to regulate the standard, and have some control of the medical education of the province, but only to the extent that the universities maintain a proper standard.

The Ontario Medical Council would still hold the right to examine those who sought to practise in the province, and who came from other places with which there is no reciprocity in degrees or licenses.

That the hedge now is gradually being cut down is quite apparent to all. The concern is to see that in the trimming the hedge is not destroyed. The sooner foolish restrictions are done away with, the better, and useful regulations retained the better.

In Great Britain the medical council only sets a standard. The degrees of all the universities and the diplomas of all the colleges are accepted. This is so now in all the provinces of Canada, with the exception of Ontario. The Medical Council of Ontario, the government, and the universities had better come to an understanding without delay on these important issues.

Outworn ideals are fading fast away,
Beyond its buried past the world has ranged,
And new influences shape its trend to-day.

ORIGIN OF THE BARBER'S POLE.

How many of us know what the barber's pole really signifies beyond that it's a sort of a beacon for the stranger who wants a shave or a hair cut or for a convivial individual to hang on to while he is waiting for the policeman?

Formerly the barber added to his duties as hair dresser that of surgeon, especially in simple cases such as blood letting.

According to an authority who has long since quit the business the profession of barber-surgeon was incorporated first in England by Edward IV in 1461, and was united with the surgeons under Henry VIII, but the connection was dissolved in 1745 by George II. Possibly the barbers had been cutting up a little bit too much, as some do at this date.

Barber surgeons existed in France as a corporation from 1371 to the Revolution. Although history does not record it, they may have been the cause of the revolution.

However, the fact remains that the gaudy pole outside the barber's means something.