

is guarded against abuse in universities by the supervision of a governing body, no such responsibility and check exists in ordinary incorporated schools.

3rd, That such a measure would inevitably tend to lower the standard of medical education, by unduly increasing the number of licensing bodies.

4th, That the only ostensible reason for obtaining this power to be specially granted to that school, on the plea of its being a French Canadian school no longer exists, inasmuch as the Laval University now affords to students speaking the French language all the privileges of University degrees.

5th, That the practical effect of second clause of proposed bill would be to enable a student to obtain a diploma to practise after two sessions attendance on lectures. That these sessions may be completed in 18 months, and that the law regulating the practice of medicine, 10 and 11 Victoria, chap. 26, which renders four years' study compulsory, would thereby be evaded.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Honorable House will not sanction this bill, &c. &c.

MEDICAL HEROISM.

Men have long been accustomed to associate all ideas of heroism with exhibitions of mere animal courage. To plunge recklessly into the melee of deadly strife, and, amid the maddening excitements of roar of cannon, charge of cavalry, shouts of contention, and groans of the dying, to perform prodigies of valor by freely destroying human life, is to manifest qualities which nations and individuals delight to honor in their possessor. Thanks from the associated wisdom of a "grateful nation"—the highest titles and positions in the land—public ovations and a name in history, wait upon the successful military hero, the legalized, highly lauded, and intensely admired life-destroyer of the nineteenth century. War—war—"our voice," in the present day, "is still for war." And so will it ever be, as long as civilized nations, recreant to that Christianity which inculcates "peace on earth and good will to men," unite in placing the laurel on the blood-stained brow of him who wades deepest in the life-current of his fellows. The causes of this blind worship of glory, falsely called, are to be found in that innate covetousness, greed of gain, and desire for pre-eminence, which impel men, individually and collectively as nations, to wage destruction each on the other. Essentially barbaric in their nature, these influences are most potent among savage and semi-civilized communities. And there is no more certain evidence of a nation's advance in all that is ennobling to humanity, than a popular and earnest exhibition of a wish to live peaceably with all men.

Philosophers and philanthropists—the men of mind and men of heart—have, at all ages, however, recognized a species of heroism of vastly