

slightest knowledge of the world or business methods, and the mistakes they make are by no means confined to diagnosis and treatment. Success depends as much on business tact as upon professional ability, for medicine is first, last, and all the time, an art, and the shrewd judge of human nature has a greater chance of success than the most brilliant student or valedictorian. There is no one more deserving of pity than the scholarly and brilliant physician, hampered by his inability to read and deal with human nature, and cramped through life by bad business methods and lack of financial ability.

THE ONTARIO MEDICAL COUNCIL.

Our readers will have noticed that in our last issue we increased the number of our pages by eight, in order that, without trenching upon the ordinary amount of reading matter, we might place before them the first part of a *verbatim* report of the proceedings of the Ontario Medical Council. In past years we gave but a very short and imperfect report of its proceedings, and limited our editorial remarks to the most important of the changes which from time to time were introduced by that body. This method of conducting our business is also practically that of our contemporary, *The Canadian Practitioner*.

The reasons for not having, up to this year, given a *verbatim* report are, we think, of some weight. Among others, it may be stated that there never was a *verbatim* report of the proceedings made till last June, when the Council very wisely employed a stenographer. So that in previous years we were obliged either to send a special reporter of our own or make a copy from the Registrar's minutes, which were always open to us. Now, while not wishing to cry poverty, the financial management of this journal believed that the employment of a special reporter, to be paid by THE CANADA LANCET, and the additional expense of printing extra pages would not be good business, for the simple reason that they did not think such reports would have been as interesting or as profitable to our readers as other matter, which would have been sacrificed if such course had been pursued. It may be further stated that the financial managers see as yet, no reason to think they erred in their judgment in past years in this matter.

Many other equally forcible reasons might be advanced, and precedents given as to older and more weighty medical conclaves than our Ontario Medical Council, but we spare our readers.

We make these few remarks, not because we think any excuse necessary, but because both Toronto medical journals have lately been taken publicly to task for having been derelict in their duty in this respect.

This year, however, owing to the intense interest taken by a large number of the profession in Ontario, in the contest that has been, and is still, going on between the Council and a considerable and influential body who are opposed to the Council's proceedings, legislative and otherwise, we have thought best in the interest of our readers, to give a *verbatim* report, and publish extra pages, notwithstanding the fact that more than half of such readers, reside in the other provinces of Canada and in the United States, and can, therefore, have but little interest in the present contest.

We propose also to take up in this and succeeding numbers, some of the main points at issue, and give our readers what appears to us to be a fair and impartial view of them.

We notice that our contemporary, *The Canadian Practitioner*, in a recent issue, animadvertes rather strongly upon the want of—either interest, or intelligence—shown by the Council at its last meeting. It, *The Practitioner*, thinks its members are supine as well as stupid, if the following, from the issue of July 1st, means anything.

"It was hoped that some strenuous efforts would be made to allay the hostile feeling that exists throughout the province with reference to the past acts of the Council. We regret to say that the members did not appear to be equal to the occasion, as practically nothing was done in this direction, excepting the adoption of the following resolution :

"Moved by Dr. Bray, seconded by Dr. Ruttan, that a committee be appointed by the Council to meet a committee and such other members of the profession as may choose to attend, from among the promoters, and supporters of the bill introduced into the Ontario Legislature by Dr. Meacham for the purpose of discussing any differences of opinion due to the recent amendment to the Medical Act, with a view to the better understanding of the said amendment and the restoration of the feeling of harmony that had existed prior to the said legislation, and should continue to do so between the