

all other cravens, he hides his name, and with consummate impudence makes use of an educational centre to give him an air of respectability.

In the evolution of the species, the law of heredity is marked by occasional reversions of type. "Like father, like son," is not invariably true, and every *Alma Mater* must acknowledge the existence of a black sheep amongst her alumni. The world over, the degraded son of respectable parentage is only too glad to make ignoble use of his pedigree, and the greater the prestige of noble birth, the stronger the temptation to trade upon it.

Our universities acted a noble part in joining heart and hand with the profession in securing its incorporation, and no fair mind would refuse to acknowledge that their counsels have largely assisted in making it what it is to-day—a credit to the country, and a heroic band in the van of intellectual and moral progress. Their opinions are always expressed for the ear of the public, and when they choose to speak in the way of criticism, it is not very probable that a sneak will be selected as a mouth-piece.

These institutions do not stop at guarding the interests of their graduates, but recognize the claim for protection from imposition, which is the inalienable right of the community at large. Accordingly, there exists in the various alumni associations a strong feeling that degrees in all faculties should be tenable only during good behavior, and that grossly unprofessional or infamous conduct ought to meet with condign punishment; and when, through concerted action, such a measure passes, as sooner or later it will, the contributor to the *Farmer's Sun* will possibly be required to show convincing evidence of having been "born again," or to submit to the inevitable.

Although in some respects in advance of the leaders of the Defence Association, he is apparently an ardent advocate of their propagandism, an opponent of everything, and an iconoclast of the most pronounced type, and no one is likely to envy Dr. Sangster whatever pride he may take in this radical outgrowth of the innumerable products of his pen which have deluged the public press during the past year or two.

At this eventful epoch it would be well for every member of the profession to investigate deliberately

the tenets set forth, and see what the ultimate result would be were the views of Dr. Sangster and his supporters carried to their legitimate issue.

The electorate is fully informed on all matters at stake, the franchise will be exercised intelligently on the 30th, and we do not need to repeat arguments that have been heard again and again; but if every friend of wise legislation will carefully fill his voting paper so that, should contested election cases occur, his vote cannot be invalidated by clerical errors or omissions, the Council has no reason to fear the verdict as recorded at the polls.

We are under the banner of one of the noblest of professions; it had its early struggles and small beginnings, and to-day when so much advance has been made it behoves us to be guarded lest a false step lead us retrogressively and rob us of all that has been acquired by many years of effort.

Like every other representative body, the Medical Council does not claim to be immaculate; but no one is so blinded to facts as not to see that the standard of the profession in Ontario to-day is convincing proof that the movement has been forward. It has used all legitimate means to protect the public from fraud and quackery, has honestly striven to place the practitioner on a higher plane, as well from a social as from a scientific standpoint, and has not hesitated to purge from its ranks those who would be a disgrace to any intellectual community.

It has been charged by certain of its opponents with laxity in this last respect, but the law which confers the authority to deal with such cases being only in its infancy, it was thought wise, with the advice of the best legal talent, to temper justice with mercy and seek the reformation of the criminal rather than his destruction.

The merciful motive that prompted in certain instances the suspension of sentence, has not always been appreciated by the culprit, and, accordingly as early as practicable, that is, at the ensuing meeting of the Council, when the gravity of the repeated offence warranted it, the name was ordered to be erased from the register.

Much has been said of extravagance in maintaining an expensive college building and of the consequent centralization in the metropolis. This, on the part of the Defence Association, is a most ingenious appeal to the country practitioner, who,