

associates, sold themselves body and breeches to interests hostile to those which they were elected to serve.

I need not remind you, sir, how public sentiment would be outraged were the Government, or any of its members, to gravely propound the theory that because the Opposition and the Patron members of the House make it part of their business to find and report irregularities, and evidences of corruption in the management of public affairs, they are, on that account, to be regarded as ineligible for election to any standing committee of the legislature. Fancy, then, the obtuseness, or otherwise the hardihood, of the man who, in this land of responsible government and free representative institutions, addressing himself, through you, to an auditory confessedly as intelligent and discerning as is the medical electorate of Ontario, while claiming that there exists in the Medical Council no proper government, yet presumes to argue that because members of the Opposition venture to criticise and even to emphatically condemn the wastefulness and faithlessness and misgovernment of the "Machine" which runs the Council, that, *ergo*, they must be held as ineligible for election to the Executive Committee or any other standing committee of the Council! Is not this, in effect, telling the electorate that it has no right to send to the Council men who are dissatisfied with the existing order of things, or who are suspected of having aspirations towards the reform of existing abuses, and manhood enough to struggle for the realization of these? In one of my earlier letters I expressed my belief that, not unfrequently, newly elected members have gone to that Council, hoping to be the apostles of better things, and burning to evolve, therein, order out of chaos. But they found themselves there confronted by an organized and unscrupulous alliance or ruling majority, and, though they may have valiantly fought for a time against being laid upon the Council's Procrustean bed, to be stretched or curtailed to the standard Council dimensions and "happy family" mould, they were sooner or later frozen into acquiescence, and made to become almost as servile to a corrupt alliance as is Dr. Williams himself. How completely, in his enumeration of "the qualifications necessary to secure election to this committee" your indiscreet correspondent supplies the key to the mystery of past subserviency and misrule, and confirms the surmises I then ventured to make!

I care not to follow Dr. Williams' puerilities with regard to my not arraigning the Executive Committee before the Council with regard to each of the many more serious delinquencies complained of. Two years ago I did explicitly charge that committee before the Council with having insolently and defiantly refused to allow the Registrar to