

time in the matter, but is it reasonable to expect that they can induce the other provinces to agree so long as some, like British Columbia and Manitoba, think it to be in their interest to remain as they are? In 1896 the Council delegated a committee to meet that of the Dominion Medical Association and confer as to the best means to bring about the desired consummation of Dominion registration. Similar committees met last year, and I presume advanced the desired object a step, judging from the report issued by Dr. Roddick, of Montreal.

I fear I have already taken up too much of your valuable space, and will desist from alluding to many other points in the letter that might be noticed. I think it is well for physicians to exchange ideas and give their views on questions of interest to the profession, but while doing so we need not so economize the truth, make such malignant accusations against respectable men, or use such unwarrantable and extravagant language. Apologizing for so much space,

I remain, yours faithfully,

WM. GRAHAM.

29 Grosvenor Street, Toronto, March 2nd, 1898.

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P.S.—Since writing the above, my attention has been called to an editorial in the *New York Medical Journal*, March 5th, headed "A Gloomy View of Medicine in Canada." It contains copious extracts from this letter of Dr. Burrows', with comments thereon. The Journal expresses the hope that the picture is overdrawn, and that medical matters here are not quite so bad as portrayed. I can assure the Journal and its readers that the picture is entirely overdrawn, and that the only gloomy side to medicine here is the overcrowding of the profession, for which our Medical Council is not responsible, and which is a condition common, even in a greater degree, to all or most European and American countries.

From the fact that Dr. B.'s letter has reached such a wide field, and commented on by such an important Journal, it shows the necessity not to overdraw and exaggerate or circulate false impressions. It is also a justification for the existence of the above letter.

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A CORRECTION.—In the last issue there appeared a personal that Dr. Shaw had removed from Ottawa. This was incorrect, and we are pleased to know that the doctor has taken out plans for the erection of a residence on Somerset Street.