

general election to the Medical Council a plebiscite of the medical practitioners be taken on the question "Are you opposed to lodge practice."

Then comes the other hydra, the hospital and charity abuse. It has grown in this country to a frightful extent. The medical men themselves have really no idea how much of their legitimate income is going to subsidized institutions. There is great room for reform, and this reform the medical practitioner should have. Dr. Sangster called attention to the poor incomes of so many doctors. In all this we know he was only too true. He deserves many thanks for his bold and outspoken course, as the colleges are again flooding the country with their attractive announcements.

We cannot speak too strongly against the abuse of allowing a representative to Toronto School of Medicine, which has no real existence; to Victoria University, that years ago ceased both to teach and to grant degrees in medicine: and to Queen's, which has no right to one, when the Medical School in Kingston has one. This loading down of the Council by members elected by statute must soon have an end. How long will the general practitioner allow his rights to be ruled by the representatives of these institutions which have no claim whatever to a voice in our medical parliament. Just as well give a representative to McMaster University or the School of Pedagogy.

Lodge Practice.

IN the *Medical Record* for July 16th, Dr. Willis has a particularly good article on lodge practice and the lodge doctor. We would strongly urge our readers to study the article. The following points may give some of the main features of the paper:

1. The lodge doctor in nearly all cases resorts to unprofessional methods to gain favor with the members of the lodge; and, through these, the acquaintanceship of their families. This undermines in an improper manner the family physician.

2. The lodge system develops a bad feeling among medical practitioners. The constant intrigue and wire-pulling for the lodge is bound to destroy the good-will that ought to exist among medical men of a district. This, coupled with the unfair efforts that are made through the lodge to gain entry into the families, often engenders open hostilities.

3. The lodge system completely destroys the possibility of maintaining a proper fee system. When a man finds that for one dollar