

takes have been made in financial matters, it is doubtful if the majority of the profession are prepared to support the charge of reckless extravagance against the Council.

(8) Do you think that the Medical Council should be required to dis-embarrass itself by disposing of its real estate? No.

(9) Do you desire to have your name enrolled in the membership of the Medical Defence Association? It is obvious that each practitioner must answer the question for himself.

We regret the tone of the circular. Such expressions as "clandestine methods," "reckless extravagance," "reckless wastefulness," "transgressed the law," "not honest or truthful," "freely using the money of the profession to fortify itself (the Council) in a false position," "fraudulently and by misrepresentation," might well have been deleted, or at least amended.

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### THE "SCHOOLS" AND THE MEDICAL COUNCIL.

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We are at a loss to know why a portion of the general profession should entertain any hostile feelings against the universities and the medical colleges of Ontario. We will take it for granted that the Council, if wise counsels prevail in its deliberations, is likely to assist the general profession, especially by maintaining high standards. Few are likely to deny that at the present time the Ontario standards are sufficiently high to make them "eminently respectable." They are certainly higher than any formerly known in this province, and higher than any now or formerly known on this continent outside of Ontario. Have the "school men" ever combined in attempts to lower the standard in any way, or to prevent it from being raised? Probably the most important vote ever taken in the Council on matters pertaining purely to educational questions was that which decided on the five years' course. An analysis of that vote will show that out of the eight collegiate representatives present, four voted in favor of the five years' course, viz., Britton, Moore, Rosebrugh, Thorburn; and four against, viz., Fenwick, Fowler, Geikie, Harris. This, however, is no exceptional case. In fact, we doubt if any one can name a single instance in which the college members united in opposing any measure brought forward in the interests of the profession. We have no reference to the merits of the vote above mentioned, and we believe that both parties were desirous of working in the interests of the profession.

Under such circumstances, we feel inclined to ask our friends of the "Defence Association" to explain the following sentence: "The experiment of yoking together in one council two elements so essentially antagonistic as the profession and the schools has unquestionably resulted dis-