

a retrospect of the past it is found that in 1891 the Council in a stealthy manner obtained an Act of Parliament which gave them ample power to disqualify any medical man in Ontario if he refused or neglected to pay his annual fee. That law is still in vogue, and every year we get a certificate, a sort of dog collar, giving us permission to practise another year. Most of the profession took offence at this law and many men joined a medical defence association, who defended the bridge against the encroachments of the Council "in the brave days of old."

But, passing over other objectionable movements in the governing body towards the profession, we will only mention one which is still in full force. It looks as if the Council has laid a deep scheme for a dictatorship in the near future, and the stratagem is laid with a cunning and secrecy which might move the envy of Nicholas himself. The plot is this: Just before a student goes up for his final examination, and while he is trembling in his boots for the result, he is ordered to go before a J.P. and swear allegiance to the laws of the Medical Council for all time to come. The form of this oath has been kept from the public with Clan-na-Gael secrecy. They dare not publish it, and in a few more years there will be three or four thousand more sworn to obey the mandates of the Council, and of these professional slaves it may be said: "Thou art chained to the wheel of the foe by links which a world cannot sever. With thy tyrant through storm and through cloud thou shall go; and thy sentence is bondage forever."

From this brief review, is it not time that both the Medical Act and the Medical Council were severely revised?

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BOOK REVIEWS.

A NON-SURGICAL TREATISE ON DISEASES OF THE PROSTATE GLAND AND ADNEXA.

By George Whitfield Overall, A.B., M.D., Chicago. Rowe Publishing Co., 74 E. Madison street, Chicago. 1906.

This small book of 230 pages is carefully prepared, well printed and bound, and fully illustrated, several being in colors. The subjects discussed: The Non-Surgical Treatment of Diseases of the Prostate Gland and Adnexa, Acute Prostatitis, Subacute or Chronic Prostatitis, Chronic Congested Enlargement of the Prostate, Seminal Vesicles, Neuroses of the Prostate, Electro-Physics, and High Frequency Currents. The book is based largely on cases in practice which are well related, and effectively bring out the author's views on the treatment of the various forms of prostatic disease. Several very useful new instru-