

diphtheria might occur in the crypts of the gland alone, and so avoid the eye. One authority states that it is not necessary in diphtheria to have any deposit.

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To the Editors of THE CANADIAN PRACTITIONER.

DEAR SIR,—A suggestion for the consideration of the gentlemen forming the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, might not come amiss at the present moment, their annual meeting being so near.

For years, with the utmost difficulty, the Council has been able to collect the annual fee of one dollar from those practising in the province. This reluctance to pay, arising from the conviction in the minds of the profession that they received no value in return, which, I am bound to say is not shared by many more conversant with the laborious work they have undertaken and the general results obtained.

Be this, however, as it may, there appears to be a strong feeling that it was not the intention of the Government or the original framers of the Act, to grant privileges to the Council to expend the means at their command in the magnificent structure at present approaching completion, entirely too stupendous for its legitimate labors. The amount of capital and assets now possessed, and unpaid assessments, reaches to a figure quite beyond the expectations of those who were first at the helm; and to judge from the number of applicants for degrees and for the various examinations, annually paying for the privileges of the college, together with those already mentioned as contributing their annual moiety, in a very few years these assets will make the college one of the large monetary institutions of the city, and a temptation to the councillors of the future to divert the surplus into channels not wholly in accord with the intention of the Act.

The Council, as composed during the past few years, has been doing excellent work in stiffening both the entrance and exit examinations, and the profession at large is in hearty sympathy with them in every effort they make in this regard; but there are many other ways

by which much benefit can be given to their constituents other than regulating examinations, and I venture to suggest to them that they set apart annually certain sums, ranging from \$100 to \$500, for special original work in various practical departments of science, the establishment of a series of lectures similar to the Galstonian, Cartwright, Lumlean, and others, to be delivered at their annual meeting, or, if found practical, in each of the five or six principal cities of the province. Then, prize essays on selected topics of practical every-day value to the general practitioner in Ontario, these to be the property of the college, to be by them printed and distributed to every one of its graduates gratuitously, or to those only paying their annual fee.

I venture to say, that every man in the country would be benefited, and would get a fourfold return for his dollar, which, then, he would willingly give. Besides being simply an examining board, as at present, the College, in adopting some such advanced form of post graduate education, would be looked up to, and command the respect the importance of its mission demands. The adoption of a series like the lectures I mention, and their distribution to all those unable to attend and hear them, would mark a departure in the history of the College of liberality and advancement of the science, similar to that which obtains in other large centres of medical education, and do much more to elevate it in the estimation of the profession and the public, than any other single effort in other directions.

Setting apart certain sums as post graduate rewards for original contributions or research in such subjects as, in the opinion of the College council, were of special importance and value to the general practitioner in Canada, would be a great incentive to the whole body of the profession to extend their observations in the directions pointed out by the special subjects, as well as stimulate the efforts of others with the hope of securing the honor of the reward. The value of such encouragement can hardly be estimated; and a spirit of concord and affection between the College and its graduates would be an immediate outcome, which at some future time might be required and not found wanting.