

There should be no quarrel between the universities and the Medical Council. The members of the Council—and are they not all graduates?—are as proud of their universities, and as loyal to them, as any of their other graduates—in arts, in law, in medicine, or in science. They wish them well; prosperity, expansion, renown. Therefore it appears to be folly at the present time to interject the university control of all examinations, and especially so when the Commissioner wishes for clarity as to what the profession desires—not confusion, not antagonism.

But what about the student body? Are they to be given no say in the matter? And they are as much concerned as anybody in those same examinations. It would assuredly lighten their burdens to have but one examination. It is stated that a record is kept of the student's work. If such a record could be made the basis for a degree, then there should be no necessity for further examinations on the part of the university. That would lighten the student's burden. The university authorities, then, appear to hold the key to the medical examination question in their own hands. They can relieve the burden of the student. But, strange to say, instead of doing what they can do, they seek to cut out the examinations from another body over which they have not control. Nor should the universities, in the opinion of many, have the control over the profession of medicine in this Province. They have as much right to ask for control over the teaching profession, the law, or the clergy, pharmacy, dentistry, or civil engineering.

The medical profession in this Province, in the interests of the public, requires a representative body such as the Medical Council. If they are to be a properly constituted body, established in the interests of the public, then the university authorities, as well as the public, must be satisfied when the representatives of the people give them legal status. There can be no half-way measures. It must be full control over standards, examinations, license, discipline, etc.