

Correspondence

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To the Members of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.

GENTLEMEN,—Besides the careful supervision and intelligent criticism of the votes and contentions of your own elected representatives, recommended in my last letter, you will find it both profitable and interesting to closely watch the attitude of the homœopathic members of the Council, in its coming session, especially with respect to the stand taken by them on matters of economy, and finance, and projected efforts at reform. There is no disposition to deal illiberally with our homœopathic fellow-practitioners. Rather would we strain justice to the point of indulgence in their behalf, as becomes a large and powerful organization in its bearing towards a mere handful of men who do not form an integral part of the profession. We are not prepared, however, to find a generous forbearance on our side repaid by anything savoring of a hard-and-fast alliance of their representatives with our opponents in the Council. Of the two main elements in that body, homœopaths would naturally be supposed to identify themselves with the profession rather than with the schools, and might be expected to have prescience enough to see that their interests are concerned in so doing. They no longer hold the balance of power in the Council, and consequently have, in future, more to expect from the goodwill and forbearance of the profession than from the gratitude of the schools. The fact that they have so well known how to make the most of their past opportunities, warrants the presumption that they will not now be found standing in their own light. Although forming but one-fiftieth of our number, they have hitherto sent to the Council very nearly half as many elected members as we have supplied; while at the present moment, and for some time past, they have, on the Board of Examiners, secured three seats out of the six conceded by the amended Act to the profession at large. They have also, through the gratitude or the easy complaisance of their official associates, succeeded in modifying the Ontario Medical Act in many important particulars, and always to their own peculiar advantage. In a financial point of view they have done equally well. As nearly as can be ascertained from the data procurable, their whole contribution to the professional treasury since their amalgamation with the profession, in the shape of Council fees and assessment dues, aggregates less than \$2,000, while during the same period they have taken