

Board system of examination, that during the whole *four* years of its existence, no candidate (whatever he may have intended to practise afterwards) has chosen any other than the General Examination. And this will appear the more gratifying and creditable, when it is known that this has, in *every case been purely voluntary*; no pressure or influence of any kind having been brought to bear upon a single candidate. Indeed, the advocates of what some call the special systems of medicine, openly declare that they desire the full examination to be undergone by every one; so that hereafter, in Ontario, a knowledge of any specialty will be regarded as *an addition to*, rather than a *substitute for*, other general professional knowledge. Prior to this Central Board being founded, each school of medicine throughout Canada, and each Government Medical Board—of which Ontario had three—was an independent, and, to no trifling extent, a rival licensing body. Can this be returned to? Could it for one moment be tolerated? The only answer is—NEVER! Yet, were the Council destroyed, the Central Board would die with it, and the old and most wretched state of things, just spoken of, would speedily be resuscitated.

The Council, then, must be sustained. And it cannot be thought right that the chief burden of its support should fall upon the students who go up for examination. Warned by past blunders, a wise economy will certainly be practised by the Council in future.; but the students' fees must be lowered to a reasonable amount, and the diminution of revenue from this source will have to be made up in some way. The assessment clause of the late Bill, which was strangely struck out by a majority of one in the Parliamentary Committee to which it was referred, was intended in part to meet this. The maximum amount was fixed at the trifling sum of \$2 per annum, fully one-half of which was to be returned in the shape of a copy of the annual *Register* and the proceedings of the Council. A large proportion of the trifling balance was to be set aside for the building of an Examination Hall, and the establishment of a Museum and Library, to belong to the medical profession of Ontario,—just as Osgoode Hall belongs to the lawyers. In view of the fact that the druggists pay an annual fee of \$4, and the lawyers \$20, the trifle sought to be imposed as a tax upon our profession appears very small. We hope that next session the clause will be introduced into the Bill then to be brought in, for no one who knows the