

word indicative of contempt which can be thought of is used. It is now characterized by "puerility" "incapacity" and unseemly wrangling." Its proceedings are "simply disgusting;" "the log-rolling," "wire-pulling," "mutual recriminations incessantly indulged in," "rampant and running riot" fill one with "ineffable disgust." Even Dr. Daniel Clark, one of the organ's "model men" comes in for a share of abuse for his independence the organ grieving much that "our greatest are so small."

Of course the profession of Ontario can easily see where the opposition to increased territorial representation is coming from, and can give it whatever consideration its importance may seem to demand. We are quite willing to accord to the schools their just share in the management of affairs, but we still maintain that the interests of the profession are paramount, and the number and influence of the territorial members should be increased.

With reference to the treasurer Dr. Aikins, we totally deny that there was any attempt made by any member of the council to "asperse that gentleman's character," all who spoke, bore ample testimony to the faithfulness with which he had discharged his duties as treasurer. The objections which were urged against "that gentleman's" holding the office, were such as would be taken against any other school-man occupying the position, and one which the "organ" would very soon raise a cry about, if it were held by a member of the faculty of any other school. Although Dr. Berryman's motion which affirmed that "no permanent officer of the council should be connected with any of the schools," was defeated by a small majority, the principle is a sound one, and sooner or later must and will prevail.

THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MEDICINE.—This association of physicians was organized September, 1876, at Philadelphia, during the sessions of the International Medical Congress. Dr. Traill Green, LL.D., of Easton, Pa., was elected its first President. Frank H. Hamilton, M.D., LL.D., of New York, and Lewis H. Steiner, A.M., M.D., of Frederick, Md., were respectively chosen as Presidents at the meetings in 1877 and '78. At these meetings the organization was more thoroughly perfected, and numerous accessions were made to the membership.

The objects of the Academy are thus broadly stated in its Constitution:—*First.* To bring those who are alumni of collegiate, scientific, and medical schools into closer relations with each other. *Seco^d.* To encourage young men to pursue regular courses of study in classical or scientific institutions before entering upon the study of medicine. *Third.* To extend the bounds of medical science, to elevate the profession, to relieve human suffering, and to prevent disease.

The Fellows of the Academy must be Alumni of respectable collegiate institutions, who have received therefrom:—

1. The degree of Bachelor of Arts, after a systematic course of study, preparatory and collegiate;
2. The degree of Master of Arts in accordance with the usage of these institutions;
3. The degree of Doctor of Medicine, after a regular course of study, not less than three years, under the direction and instruction of preceptors and professors. They must have also had an experience of three years in the practice of medicine.

Candidates for fellowship must be recommended by at least one Fellow, and be approved by a majority of the Council, after which the consent, by ballot, of two-thirds of the Fellows present will secure their election. The initiation fee is \$5.00, to be paid before initiation and registration. Blank forms of application for fellowship can be obtained from the Secretary, R. J. Dunglison, M.D., Philadelphia. The annual meeting for 1879 will be held September 16, in New York.

ANOTHER "SKILFUL OPERATION."—A report of another "skilful operation" comes to us from the eastern part of the Province, cut from the columns of the *Perth Expositor* of the 12th of June. The account of the operation (ovariotomy) is given in the form of a letter, and was certainly written by a medical man—no doubt some ill-advised friend of the operator. The evil of newspaper advertising lies chiefly in the fact that an account of these operations is published solely to magnify the skill of the particular physician who undertakes them, rather than to show to the public the benefits that may be derived from surgical procedures. There could be no objection to a statement of the operation and its results, without bringing into special prominence the names of the operators. This would fully meet the requirements of those who desire to instruct the public in these matters.

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