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## Editorials.

### THE COUNCIL'S POSITION.

In a recent issue of the *Farmer's Sun*, the organ of the Patrons of Industry, appeared an extended communication *in re* Medical Council, from one who subscribed himself "A University Graduate," and entitled "A Caustic Arraignment." In our last number we took the trouble of exposing the inaccuracies and palpable distortions of truth that conspicuously decorated the production of the author's fertile brain. We shall now inquire why the appeal was made to the working classes instead of to the profession. And, next, since such a course was adopted, what motives prompted the writer to conceal his identity?

The Patrons' organization, on more than one occasion, has shown itself inimical, and expressed its desire, to curtail the few privileges and amenities which it is pleased to denominate the monopolies of the learned professions. In the recent provincial elections, several Patron nominees were returned with the object of standing shoulder to shoulder on all measures affecting their constituents. The platform is being constructed; each additional plank increases their hope of developing into the balance of power. No matter how broad their views, they cannot be expected to

manifest intelligent conception of progressive medical polity. Those who are fitted by special education in that particular direction, and a lifetime of arduous devotion to the alleviation of suffering humanity, are surely best qualified as jurors in the premises. Controversy has been conducted in the journals for the past two years. The medical electorate is probably better informed than ever before on all questions relative to the professional standing in the community, and the mutual relations of doctor and patient. Then shame on the man who for selfish ends fouls his own nest, or hopes to degrade a noble calling in the eyes of his countrymen by forging lies for the delectation of those whom he fondly trusts, and actuated by prejudice, is devoid of sufficient courage and the confidence of integrity to discuss the matter with the practitioners of Ontario, and, to crown all, hesitates not to drag in the mire the fair name of a university, by showing it possible that one wearing her hood and gown could stoop so infamously low. He manifests the utmost readiness to invoke the aid of uninstructed antipathy, or anything else, to accomplish his sinister purpose.

What matters it to him though the College of Physicians and Surgeons be debased in the eyes of the people to the level of a horde of advertising charlatans and avaricious villains, if only legislative fiat be secured to decapitate the Council? Like