

ates with a Medical College and University, entitling him to tack on half the alphabet after his name, the physician would be nowhere among the unthinking public—by far the majority of the human species. Already many men feel aggrieved at the professional assumption of some chemists; but this would be intensified a thousand-fold by the fruition of any such scheme as that shadowed by the President of the Manitoba Pharmaceutical Society. The day is not far distant when the profession of medicine will open its portals to those alone who have graduated in arts; each year the qualifications required from the candidates for admission to our ranks are becoming higher, and to this is entirely attributable the increasingly improved social position which members of the medical profession now occupy. A few short years since the Doctor received scant social acknowledgement. No matter the position of his parents his profession placed him by the unwritten laws of society on a very low rung of the social ladder; and though personal attributes in many cases placed the family physician in the position of the trusted and honored family friend, the social bann was never relaxed. This is now a thing of the past, due altogether to the educational standard now necessary for entrance to the Profession. The proposed affiliation is one which ought not, nor cannot be accomplished, and if seriously contemplated should meet with relentless opposition from all the members of Manitoba Medical College. The chemist's calling is a most honorable one, and the duties he is called upon to perform require great intelligence and education, but certainly not of the same standard as the physician's, nor of the same character. His duties are well defined, and his position with regard to the profession long ac-

knowledgeed, and we feel sure that very few chemists have any ambition to wear borrowed honors by affiliation with other bodies. The higher they raise the educational qualification for their license, the higher will they attain to in public estimation.

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At the evening sitting of the Legislature, March 10th, Mr. Graham's Medical Act as amended by the law amendments committee, abolishing a schedule of fees for Doctors, was passed through committee, and no doubt will become law. No time should be unnecessarily lost in calling a meeting of the Medical Profession in the Province to discuss the position which we now occupy. The question has arisen, What is fair remuneration for a medical man's services? and it is very evident if Judges were to take the same view that the member for South Brandon takes, it would be almost impossible for a medical man to live by the practice of his profession in this Province. There is not, nor ever has been, any disposition on the part of the profession to exact exorbitant fees, but it would appear by the action of the member for South Brandon that there is wide difference of opinion as to what is a reasonable fee and what is an extortionate one. There should be no misunderstanding in professional ranks on this point, and for the disposal of this question with other matters of interest now pressing into notice a conference should be held at which all the medical men in the Province should use every effort to be present. It is of vital importance that in all we do on professional lines the profession should be a unit in its action. Accompanying this issue of the journal is a slip which, when filled up and returned, will be a guide to the opinion of Practitioners in the Province as to the de-