

In face of the above facts, we still find Dr. Burrows asking the question, "What is our Medical Council doing?" and answers, "simply nothing."

Then he turns his attention to the Board of Examiners, asking us to compare it with that of fifteen or twenty years ago, and asserting that the *personnel* is not as high as it was formerly. Well, that is merely a matter of opinion, and he is entitled to his, but when he accuses these gentlemen of being "arrant frauds," he is stepping beyond the bounds of reasonable and justifiable language. It is a most disgraceful and uncalled for libel on these gentlemen. Where is the notoriously bad trickery (that the accusation implies) of which they have been guilty? What have they done to merit such hard names and extravagant language?

These examiners (I am now speaking of the Ontario Board) do not "get together"—"and fill their individual pockets with fees from the new comers." They are legitimately appointed by the Medical Council and paid for their services according to what the Council considers a reasonable tariff, and if Dr. Burrows had to undergo a scrutiny from their search-lights, he would feel like applying some other term than "arrant frauds" to their examinations. Again, he says "the weakness of our Medical Council is college control." This is an old story, in my opinion a veritable bugbear, a hobgoblin without existence, I mean the control part. Do you think it at all reasonable to suppose these eight college representatives can run away with the remaining twenty-two members, sway their better judgment, and induce them to become traitors to the best interests of their constituents? It bears the impress of sheer nonsense on the face of it, and is such. Had the college men possession of the influence thus attributed to them, the extra fifth year of the curriculum would have never had existence, as the majority or all are decidedly opposed to it. There is no doubt some of the most able of the members are college representatives, and it is quite a compliment to their ability to say they are able to exert such influence, but I am certain they do not exercise any such undue influence, and seem to be as interested in the general welfare of the profession as any other party in the Council.

This one thing I know, that were all the college representatives excluded from the Council it would be very seriously handicapped on educational questions.

Lastly, if interprovincial registration has not made any advance, the fault does not remain with the Council. They have discussed it several times, I believe, and have done all they can to the present