

DR. LODGE ON THE DR. ALGER CASE

ATTEMPT TO SECURE REMOVAL OF MEDICAL EXAMINER.

If members of the Wayne County Medical society have their way, Dr. Albert Lodge will be removed as a member of the state medical examining board. At the next meeting of the society a resolution will probably be introduced requesting the governor to remove him.

This is the outcome of an attempted prosecution of a doctor in Detroit who has not passed the medical examination, but who has been practicing, and the physicians who are after Dr. Lodge's official scalp allege that he is responsible for quashing the case.

Some time ago a complaint was made against Dr. Walter W. Alger, who had not been registered. Dr. Alger studied for five years in a college not recognized by the state medical board and when he took the examination last summer fell about ten points below the average required for a certificate. Afterward he began practicing medicine in this city and a complaint was made against him. The matter was dropped, however, and nothing more had been heard about it until Dr. Lodge's name was brought before the society as having been instrumental in having the complaint quashed.

"I have no sympathy with men who cannot live and let live," said Dr. Lodge last night. "This whole affair has been stirred up by a few men who are afraid that another doctor will take money out of their pockets. Dr. Alger was before the board. We did not tell him that he could practice, as we cannot prevent local action being taken. He made a deposit of money to guarantee his appearance next June for examination and under the circumstances I am sure he could never be convicted. I do not wish to see the medical law made a farce of by foolish prosecutions and this, in my opinion, would be one. I went to Justice Sellers and stated the case to him so that he understood it perfectly. Since the trouble began Dr. Alger has not practiced.