

The Physician Himself.

DR. J. H. ELLIOTT, of Toronto, has been appointed physician at the Gravenhurst Sanitarium.

WE regret to announce the death of Dr. Fraser, of Orangeville, which occurred so suddenly last week.

Ye Editor, DR. BEATTIE NESBITT, has returned to the Johns Hopkins Hospital for a couple of months.

DR. THOS. WHITELAW, B.A., of Guelph, is turning to the wild and woolly west. He will hang out his shingle at Edmonton.

DR. J. W. S. McCULLOUGH, of Alliston, was appointed President of the Simcoe Medical Association for the coming year at the last meeting. Under his live direction we hope to see the northern society prosper.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of DOMINION MEDICAL MONTHLY:

SIR,—Surely the reluctance seen in some quarters to pay the annual dues expected by the Ontario Medical Council is hardly reasonable. The dues are much higher in the Ontario Law Society, and the privileges are quite identical. The Law Society has a building, so has the Medical Council. The Law Society has a very extensive and valuable library, open to all its members, and in constant use by the majority of them; so has the Council. The Law Society protects the legal profession; even so the Medical Council protects the medical profession.

The buildings of the Medical Council are, to say the least, a triumph of financial acumen. The medical profession, especially outside the city, could hardly exist without these buildings, so urgent and constant a need do they fulfil. These buildings are also a copious source of profit to the College, thanks to the unselfish prudence of the Council representatives who planned their construction and put the matter through. The profession owe a great deal to their Council, and it hardly needs pointing out that the Council richly deserve this profound debt—of gratitude.

These unselfish representatives,

with a purity of soul never observed outside the medical profession, do not make their Council membership a means to their own personal advantage, but with an altruism most exalted give up their time and energies eagerly to the correction of abuses in the profession.

We said abuses carelessly. There were abuses. For example, there was once a back door entrance to the College. Now no one can possibly register, no matter who he may be, without a special examination. There is not a single exception to this rule—mentioned. Advertising, of the modern æsthetic variety, that partakes rather of the nature of literary biography, has also been suppressed—in the dailies—by the editors of the same. Neither are there any quacks now, robbing the worthy venereal specialist of his just prey. The question of Lodge practice has been very properly left entirely to the delicacy of the individual members of the profession. Indeed, some medical practitioners are most exceedingly delicate (and sensitive) upon all ethical points—which affect others. The ophthalmologist is now undisturbed by unlicensed doctors of refraction, who, if allowed to survive, would prove even a greater peril to the public than to the profession. In these halcyon