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10. Dr. J. C. Cameron, Montreal—  
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AN ABDOMINAL PROTECTOR.—Dr. Codd, Surgeon Infantry School, Winnipeg, has devised what he calls an "abdominal protector," which is especially intended to be worn by mounted men making long journeys during the severe winters experienced in our North-West Territories. It is made of finely dressed lamb or sheepskin, and is to be worn inside the trousers and attached to the body by a waist-belt and thigh straps, being intended to protect the genitals as well as the lower portion of the abdomen. Having been furnished with a cut of the "protector," we feel safe in recommending it, especially to military men, and we have no doubt it will soon receive the attention and approval of the Militia Department.

## Correspondence.

### EDUCATION AND MEDICAL EDUCATION.

To the Editors of the CANADA MEDICAL AND SURGICAL JOURNAL.

DEAR SIRs,—Many of the questions raised by "Observer" in his letter in your June number deserve serious consideration. Certainly "Observer" finds some high authorities on educational matters sharing his views. Prof. Farlow of Harvard, discussing the mental condition of students when they enter college, found it such, that he makes the following strong statement: "The college instructor must still regard the student who studies under him as a *school-boy whose capacity for observing and investigating natural objects has been blinded by a one-sided course of instruction at school.*"

Again, a well-known biologist, Prof. O. C. Whitman, in an address before the American Society of Naturalists, remarks: "Our higher institutions of learning represent the creative and