

university degrees ought to be honorary, conferring on the holders the right of using certain distinctions such as Doctors in Medicine or Masters in Surgery. But the possession of such a distinction need not confer the right to practice. All candidates ought to be compelled to pass before a common Board of Examiners to be composed of the leading men of the Profession and not, as is the case at present, of men taken from the rank and file, who, as a rule, are not qualified for the position they fill. If such had been the case in Ontario we would not have had at the last meeting of the College the lamentable spectacle of a Committee being struck to enquire into the truthfulness of the allegations of certain delinquencies on the part of the Board of Examiners which in the Scotch acceptation of the term remained unproven.

A PRIVATE HOSPITAL.

The following circular was received from Mr. Samuel Strong, late Steward of the Montreal General Hospital, who has established in the city a private hospital for the better class of pay patients. Many persons have an objection to enter the wards of a public hospital; this objection is now removed in the opening of this house.

This institution is a comfortable home situated in a pleasant locality, in the vicinity of the Windsor Hotel, and on the main avenue to the mountain park. The house is large, roomy and provided with every essential for an institution of this character. Mr. Strong is a middle-aged, but active and energetic man, and has had a large experience in the management of hospitals both in England and in this country. The nursing department is under the immediate supervision of Mrs. Strong, who formerly belonged to Miss Nightingale's establishment, and who is a thoroughly competent and reliable nurse. It is not the intention of the proprietors to admit infectious diseases, as they wish to retain it exclusively for surgical cases. We may observe that since the opening of the house, we have had under our charge several patients who came to us from the country for surgical