

Homeopaths. One guiding principle through life should always actuate the physician, *i.e.*, Treat everybody the way you would have them, under similar circumstances, treat you. The Dean closed his interesting address by wishing the graduating class success and trusting that they may shed lustre on themselves and College. A standing vote of thanks was passed to the Doctor for his able address.

**AMBULANCE LECTURES.**—Mr. Body is to be congratulated on having again arranged for a series of Ambulance Lectures to be delivered in the Convocation Hall on successive Friday afternoons during the present term. The Lectures begin to-day, April 18th. Those lecturing in the course are Dr. Grasett, Dr. Ryerson, Dr. Sheard, Dr. Davison, Dr. Alice McLaughlin and Miss Snively.

## \* Personal. \*

MESSRS. J. A. DINWOODY and Geo. Wright are among those of the class of '90 who intend pursuing their studies in the Mother Land during the summer.

Dr. W. M. BROWN, '84, of Neustadt, Ont., passed the recent State exam held in St. Paul, Minn. He intends locating in Duluth in the near future. Mr. Jas. Third, '91, of the editorial staff, has been acting as "*locum tenens*" during his absence.

THE old college friends of Dr. W. A. Dixon will be pleased to know that he has passed very successfully his examinations in London, Eng., for the degree of L.R.C.P., London, and also in Edinburgh, for the degree of L.R.C.S., Edinburgh. Dr. Dixon has spent the past year in Europe and will still continue his studies.

WE are pleased to notice in the last annual reports of the Association of Medical health officers of Great Britain, that Dr. C. W. Gervinon, Professor of Jurisprudence and Toxicology, has been appointed an associate member of that body. We congratulate the Doctor upon this recognition of his past services while acting as representative of our Provincial Board at the International Congress of Hygiene, held at Geneva, Switzerland, in 1882, and at subsequent meetings in England.

## \* Correspondence. \*

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To the Editors of THE TRINITY UNIVERSITY REVIEW:

GENTLEMEN:—There is a very general opinion among this year's graduating class, that the clinical examinations in medicine and surgery, conducted at the General Hospital on the 26th and 27th days of March, were eminently unsatisfactory to the medical students specially interested.

If next year's class submit to the same mode of procedure they, alone, will be to blame; for such treatment, as that to which many of us this year were obliged to submit to needs but be mentioned to be condemned.

One case is allotted each candidate, and on his correct diagnosis and treatment of that case depends half his examination. This gives the fortunate individual, who happens up against a simple case of Rheumatism or Neuralgia, an excellent chance to distinguish himself. The simpler the case, the fewer are the questions asked and the higher the percentage taken. The next man is assigned a

case raked up from some obscure corner of the hospital, seemingly for the express purpose of puzzling him. It is here the examiner shines. Not thoroughly acquainted with the nature of the case himself, he strenuously devotes his efforts to the laudable object of making the victim feel small.

Now, this sort of an examination may be very amusing to the occupants of the near beds, and, as I have just remarked, may please the examiner, but the student who has devoted two years of hard study in preparation for a "fair" examination, may, surely, expect pardon if he fails to see where the fun comes in.

Further, no student going up for a final examination cares to have his "stand" subject to the caprice or prejudice of a last year's graduate, appointed by the regular examiner in order to hurry through the work. This fact alone was sufficient to have cancelled the clinical examination entirely, had the trouble been taken to acquaint the proper authorities of the circumstance. I do not mean to infer that we would have received a much fairer examination from the examiner himself; perhaps we might.

The examiner of medicine had no authority to appoint a House-Surgeon to assist him in conducting the examination; and had that House Surgeon known what an unenviable reputation he was destined to win, he would have hesitated before accepting the honour.

What right had a man, who last year sat with us in the same lecture room, and listened to the same lectures, who formed friendships fast, and prejudices faster—what right, I ask, had he to pose as our examiner? Again, is it necessary, in order to convince a student of a mistake, that the examiner repeat his answer in order to claim the applause of the ignorant listeners? No sensible student objects to being told when he blunders, but no one cares to be made a fool of publicly. I long ago came to the conclusion that braggadocio is not an essential characteristic of a great surgeon. I most earnestly urge the next graduating class to use their utmost effort to have the clinical examination done away with, or conducted in a different way. Your obedient servant,

C. B. OLIVER.

TRINITY MEDICAL COLLEGE, April 16, 1890.

STUDENTS would do well to consult the advertisement of Mr. Windrum before making their purchases in his line of business.

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