

medical curriculum require four years of study on the part of the student. And what has a perusal of the debates which took place last July at the meeting of the "General Council of Medical Education" in great Britain shown? Amongst other things, first, that some of the corporate medical bodies in that country do not compel the matriculation examination to be passed before the student begins his medical studies—and second, that "the great principle" often approved by the council "of requiring the national educational bodies to examine in general education, leaving the medical bodies free to complete the system of medical examinations, was not even re-affirmed." Now when we reflect that very many of the most enlightened and influential men in the Mother Country, and amongst our American friends, have long been wishing and working for a better state of things, but from various causes have not as yet succeeded in securing it, we may see additional grounds for congratulating the Canada Medical Association upon the favorable position in which the medical profession stands in Canada, and upon the influence the Association has exercised in bringing it about. Let us hope that the sister province of New Brunswick will ere long, pass a medical bill which shall place the requirements of the medical student and the terms of registration of medical practitioners upon as satisfactory a basis as obtains in the three Provinces already mentioned.

STATE MEDICINE.

The Association has had also, at different times, under discussion, various topics appertaining to state medicine. Many reports have been made by its members upon vital statistics and matters of sanitary science; and committees have been appointed upon several occasions to memorialize the Dominion Government respecting those subjects. Now, while unable to say whether these committees have always discharged the duties thus entrusted to them, I am persuaded that the recognition by the Association of this growing importance of State medicine as evinced in the existence of a standing committee upon that subject, whose duty it is to make an annual report