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THE REGISTRATION OF BRITISH QUALIFICATIONS

The Medical Council of the Province of Ontario has been compelled to recognize a diploma submitted from the University of Edinburgh, and to register the applicant, Dr. Baldwin of Toronto, on the payment of the registration fee, without examination. This is quite in accord with an opinion expressed in this journal years ago, when first this unholy Act was hatched. That it was an outrage to the Profession as a whole and unconstitutional, was an opinion expressed at the time by high judicial authority in Ontario itself, and we doubt much if the act would be effective in excluding from registration any graduate holding a diploma from a recognised University possessing a Royal charter. We have all along been under the impression that our Colonial Universities could claim registration for their Graduates, such institutions at least that hold Imperial charters, and we cannot conceive why it should be otherwise. We have always opposed the degradation of our own universities. If the examiners in those institutions are untrustworthy, or inclined to do their work in a slovenly manner, then should they be deprived of their function and replaced by better men. We hold that it is this very system of belittling our own institutions which has deprived us of that recognition in Great Britain which is desirable. It is not to be expected that the Medical Council of Great Britain will recognize a Colonial Diploma that is not recognized in its own country. The entire system appears to us to be faulty, and we must cast about for some other method