

"The assimilation and unification of the various standards of qualifications established by the several provinces of Canada as conditions of admission to the study and practice of medicine," surely only refers to the proposed Dominion license and the course of study necessary before the student is admitted to the examinations of the federal council. Certainly it is altogether no part of the proposed powers of the Dominion medical council to determine what shall be the standard of matriculation of candidates presenting themselves before the different provincial medical councils.

Paragraph h, of Section 10, which bears upon the powers of the council and reads, "that the council may from time to time make, repeal, alter and amend rules, orders and regulations *not contrary to law or to the provisions of this Act*, for or with reference to the following purposes:—The admission, enrolment, registration of practitioners and students of the medical profession, etc.,...." clearly only refers to admission, enrolment and registration of those qualified under this act, and does not give the Dominion Council any power to regulate the qualifications of medical students in general. And similarly in paragraph i, "the qualifications to be required from all persons desirous of being registered either as practitioners or students *under the authority of this Act*, including the establishment, maintenance and effective conduct of examinations for ascertaining whether such persons possess the qualifications required, etc.," most clearly only refers to the qualifications to be exacted from those applying for the Dominion license and does not in any sense refer to qualifications to be exacted by the various provincial bodies. All that is demanded for the Dominion Council is that it shall have powers to enforce and to ensure that those applying for its license shall have undergone a course and passed examinations satisfactory to the council. Failing this, the applicant, if he still wishes to practice in the Dominion is not by this law prevented from applying to any province to obtain its provincial license.

It is, we think, unfortunate that Dr. Simard so refers to these last two paragraphs, by leaving out the clause we have italicised, as to give the impression to those who do not carefully follow up his argument, that power is asked to control these matters of education generally. His argument is to prove that power is asked to obtain control over matters strictly educational in the different provinces—certainly so far as regards a Dominion license, control is asked, but no farther. Dr Simard must see that to this extent control is absolutely essential and that the writer in the *Union Medicale* necessarily took this for granted. But, also, Dr. Simard must acknowledge that if the law be carried out along the lines laid down there will be no interference or chance of interference in the general course of education of those taking