

We think the former requires as much time and skill as the latter. In putting the fee for *acconchement* at five dollars, it is not stated whether subsequent attendance is included. Unless this tariff is made a minimum one with no limit upwards so that superior skill may be properly remunerated and the affluent may be called on to contribute more in accordance with their ability to do so, it would be better to dispense with it altogether, and even with a minimum tariff there will be a disposition for many who have no claim to be considered entitled to reductions in their professional accounts to endeavor to be placed in that category.

THE LODGE DOCTOR.

The resolution which was adopted unanimously by the Provincial Medical Board at its last meeting in regard to lodge and society physicians, prohibiting members of the College from accepting such positions, is one of the greatest importance, and should receive at once the careful consideration of every member of the profession in the province. The warfare on these lines is not confined to this province or country, but is almost universal. Attempts have been made recently in Britain, the United States and Canada to abridge and restrict the injury resulting to the profession generally from this widespread and spreading practice. In some districts the medical men have united and agreed to refuse all such appointments only to find that others may be imported to fill their places, indicating the existence of an inferior brand of physician devoid of professional honor and a proper interest in the general welfare of the profession as a whole. A number of resolutions exist in the records of the College aiming at restrictions of this medical abuse and the amelioration of some of the somewhat humiliating situations to which the holders of such appointments are frequently subject. But it was evident to all that only radical measures would be of any avail if the system is to be wiped out; and while we endorse the action taken, on more mature consideration it probably would be preferable that infractors of the law should be first reprimanded by the council of discipline, and, this failing, a fine to be imposed, and the cancellation of the license be reserved as a final possibility. That great advantages accrue to the members of these