

one. But if the opposite be the case, if guarded by a wise and cautious discrimination, an eclecticism of the truest kind, if guided by every light which science in its most extended application can bring to bear, if such conditions are to be taken into consideration, let them receive their due, their adequate recognition and their prerogative. Where then would we place the mushroom growths of a yesterday, which, like "Thompsonianism," alias "Eclecticism," take a temporary hold of the lowest orders only of the public mind, then fade away, and in their decay pollute the atmosphere by their corruption. One novelty would usurp the place of another, just as the whim, the caprice, or the device of some cunning rogue might engender.

Unlicensed quackery we have never feared, and we question much, if there exists a respectable practitioner who has not been rather benefited than otherwise, by the residence of an unlicensed quack in his vicinity. Such is our experience. Whether it is right or wrong to permit such persons to practise in open violation of law, is a point, the morality of which we do not propose to discuss at present. This, however, is a vastly different thing from a Government permitting the passage of a Bill which actually legalizes the practice of a quackery of the very worst description, and whose advocates are just as unscrupulous as their pretensions are devoid of every attribute except that of unblushing knavery.

McGILL COLLEGE GRADUATES ABROAD.

Dr. H. H. Read, who passed his examination for the degree of M.D., at the close of the session 1860, but who, owing to non-age, did not receive his diploma till the Convocation of 1861, passed his examination before the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in April last, standing second in order of merit and was admitted a Licentiate. Dr. Francis Wayland Campbell, who graduated in 1860, passed his examination before the Royal College of Physicians, London, on the 1st of June, standing also second in order of merit, and was admitted a Licentiate of the College.

BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA.

Meeting—14th June, 1861.—The Society met in the Convocation Hall of Queen's College, Kingston, on 14th June—the Rev. Prof. Mowat, afterwards Rev. Prof. Williamson, V. P., in the chair.

The names of the following subscribers were added to the list:—Miss Fisher, Newmarket; Rev. H. E. Plees, Carrying Place; Rev. Mr. Borthwick, Ottawa; John G. Giles, M. D., Farmersville; W. Carter Deans, M. D., Trenton; W. Weir, M. D.; H. D. Lord, Ladlowville, Tompkins Co., New York; Edward C. Fox, of Balliol Coll., Oxford; Samuel H. Fee, Kingston.

Letters were read from Dr. R. K. Greville, Edinburgh, and Mr. J. T. Syme, of St. Thomas' Hospital Medical School, London.

Donations of seeds were announced from Mr. Haage, Erfurt, and Mr. Bruce, Hamilton, and of a very interesting series of specimens of Canadian lichens from Mr. B. Billings, jun., F.B.S.C., Prescott. Among the donations to the Library were Dr. Mueller's *Fragmenta Phytographiæ Australiæ*, vol 1, from the author; Principal Dawson's *Memoir on the Pre-Carboniferous Flora*, from the author; and several interesting popular works on Botany, from Mr. Stanton of the 1st Royals.