

Editorial.

German Translations.

Dr. Carl Klotz, of St. Catharines, Ont., has placed the profession under obligations, by undertaking to give us, periodically, translations from a German exchange.

Matriculation for Dentistry.

When the profession was first organized in the Province of Ontario, and the following year in the Province of Quebec, the political aspect necessarily monopolized attention. Then the proportional educational standard had to be slowly but surely considered; and in course of time the conviction dawned upon us, that the future social and professional status depended very largely upon a standard of matriculation examination for entrance to study. It was comparatively easy in Ontario, where the system of education has perhaps no superior in any country, to make a decided advance; but in Quebec, with its racial and legislative peculiarities, we were repeatedly made the shuttlecock of some crank, who succeeded in obtaining special legislation by intrigue, in spite of the protests of an almost united profession. At one time, the examination was that of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, the very highest standard on this continent; then it was reduced to a mere nothing; and again it was amended so as to lead to the suspicion that the almighty dollar was more influential than a knowledge even of "the three R's." We do not hesitate to say, that we have the most unbounded distrust of the permanency of any legislation, made for us by any government in the Province of Quebec, since the *regime* of Mr. Mercier opened the eyes of certain members of Parliament to the possibilities of boodle. From personal experience, extending over twenty-four years, of efforts to make a certain element recognize the requirements of the profession and the protection of the public, we are free to declare, that there may always be a sufficient number of members open to bribery to defeat a full measure of justice. It is a humiliating confession; but the facts in our possession would be still more humiliating to a community which makes any pretence to honesty in its legislation. We may discuss this special matter more fully at another time. Nevertheless, we have been strangely