

effusion or hæmorrhage, he does not touch it with either hand or sponge; but if it be necessary, he will sponge out the cavity thoroughly. Then he has his cases watched almost constantly for several days by one of his assistants, and often makes use of the cold bath when the thermometer indicates the presence or approach of danger. We have never witnessed an operation where the surgeon was so ably assisted. Each one knew his special duty, and did it without a moment's hesitation or loss. Scarcely a word was spoken, every instrument was handed up the moment it was required, without any request or search having to be made for it, and the spectator got the impression that in case of emergency each assistant was competent to take hold and finish the operation himself. Indeed his chief assistant, Dr. James B. Hunter, formerly of Toronto, is himself a very neat and successful operator, and quite competent for any operation in gynecology. We had the pleasure of seeing him operate for laceration of the cervix uteri, and rupture of the perineum, and bear willing testimony to the ease and success with which he accomplished the task in both cases.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.—MATRICULATION EXAMINATIONS.—The scholarships have been awarded as follows:—Classics—Dunn, H. L., from Welland High School. Mathematics—Barton, S. T. G., from Toronto Collegiate Institute. English, French, German, and History—McGillivray, J., from Collingwood High School. General Proficiency—MacMurchy, A., Toronto Collegiate Institute; Wright, H. J., Toronto Collegiate Institute; O'Meara, A. E., Port Hope High School; Davis, E. P., Upper Canada College; James, N., Collingwood Collegiate Institute. Ninety-seven candidates passed. Twenty-one ladies passed in different branches of subjects at the local examinations for women.

TORONTO MEDICAL SOCIETY.—The meetings of this Society have been regularly held and well attended. We print elsewhere Dr. McFarlane's paper read at the meeting of June 27th. Dr. A. H. Wright's paper on "Infants' Food," read at the meeting of July 25th, is held over until October.

COLONIAL DEGREES.

The clauses of the Duke of Richmond's Bill which admit Colonial degrees to the Medical Register have been received with no little apprehension by the profession, and we ourselves have expressed our serious doubts as to the possibility of ascertaining the actual value of these diplomas, or ensuring that, at any moment of their recognition, they are equivalent as evidences of professional competency to the licenses of our Conjoint Boards. *On paper*, at all events, we are gratified to observe that some of these Colonial licenses are above criticism for we find in the CANADIAN MEDICAL JOURNAL for the current month the examination questions of the Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons of Toronto, and are thus enabled to assure our readers that every diplomate of that body who has answered the written questions is, indeed, an emporium of professional knowledge. The papers for first and second year candidates are twenty [*No!*] in number, including three on chemistry, three on anatomy, two on surgery, two on physiology, two on midwifery, and one each on microscopic anatomy, forensic medicine, botany, practice of medicine, toxicology, materia medica, and sanitary science. The aggregate number of questions is *one hundred and fifteen*, which, being divided between two [*No!*] examinations, leaves fifty-seven written questions for each student, besides his *viva voce* examination.

If the CANADIAN MEDICAL JOURNAL would oblige us with a specimen of the answer paper of one of the monsters of erudition who have digested this dose, and eliminated a satisfactory result, we shall be able to appreciate the nature of the proposed legislation on Colonial degrees.—*Medical Press and Circular*.

[The editor of the *Medical Press and Circular* should be sure of his facts before he indulges in the ironical. We have endeavoured to enlighten him by sending him the Curriculum of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, and we recommend him to read again the Examination questions. It ill becomes a British Medical Journal to sneer at a Colonial Conjoint Licensing Board when they have hitherto striven in vain to establish a similar system in the Mother Country.—ED.]