

QUEEN'S DISSENTS.

Queen's Medical College authorities object to the request of the Toronto Medical College to be allowed to license its graduates and any who have passed since 1906, without taking the examinations prescribed by the Ontario Medical Council. It is held by Queen's that so long as the council exists and its examinations are higher in standard than any medical school in the province, so long should the graduates of all colleges pass the council before being licensed to practise. The Government, Queen's claims, cannot give exclusive powers to one college, and to give the privilege to all would not tend to the best qualifications being demanded from medical men practising in the province.

MEDICAL EDUCATION IN ONTARIO.

There has been a good deal of discussion for some time over the right of the University of Toronto to have its degree in Medicine carry the right to practise independently of the council license.

This is a very wide and important subject, and must not be gone on with in too much of a hurry. It will pay to hasten slowly. In Germany the State Universities do not qualify to practise. Every medical practitioner must take the state examination.

It has been felt by a good many that the Carnegie Report has not done full justice to the medical colleges of Canada. It appears that too much attention was paid to buildings, chairs, tables, bottles, etc., and not enough to the quality of the teaching given by the staffs to the students. The right sort of a teacher could teach a medical class under the shade of an old oak tree, and make good practitioners of them.

We do not advocate any such a primitive college as this. We are only speaking of what is possible. With a very poor plant good teachers may be able to do very good work. The fact should be borne in mind that the students from Queen's Medical College, Kingston, and the Western Medical College, London, have acquitted themselves well before the Medical Council examinations.

What every one desires is to have a high standard of medical education, not only in Ontario, but throughout the whole Dominion. Before any legislation is enacted, we contend that the Ontario Government should appoint a commission to examine into the whole subject of medical education in this province.

The quality of the teaching in the University of Toronto, in Queen's Medical College, in the Western Medical College, and their facilities for