

MEDICAL LEGISLATION.

The Executive Committee of the Ontario Medical Council has framed and introduced a Bill into the local Legislature to amend and explain the meaning of the Ontario Medical Act. It has been taken in charge by Dr. Clarke, M.P.P., for Norfolk. With the provisions of the Bill as it stands, and the clauses that are likely to pass, there can be no objection, but it does not go far enough. There should be increased territorial representation, and the medical men in the House will fail in their duty if they do not introduce an amendment to that effect. The period of membership should also be reduced from five to *three* years. The Medical Council should also have power given to it, similar to that which obtains in the Law Society, of regulating the internal discipline of the college; and of striking from the roll any who are guilty of flagrant violation of its rules and regulations. The matter of admitting to registration, without further examination, *Canadian graduates* with additional British qualifications, after an extra course of medical study, should be also provided for. We also trust that a clause will be introduced regarding the appointment of the examining board. It is a monstrous thing that the members of the Council should have power to constitute themselves the examiners, and also pay themselves \$100 each, for the performance of that duty. This has done more to bring the council into disrepute than almost any other act. But for this circumstance, we never would have had those disgraceful proceedings of two years ago at the Toronto University. We trust that the members in the House will not allow the opportunity to slip, of making certain amendments which are much more necessary than those now introduced.

OVARIOTOMY.—Our subscribers will doubtless be pleased to learn that the paper on Ovariectomy, prepared for the late meeting of the Canada Medical Association by Dr. J. W. Rosebrugh, of Hamilton, will be commenced in the April number of the LANCET. As Dr. Rosebrugh is understood to have had considerable experience and very good success as an ovariectomist, his paper, we are sure, will be looked for by our readers with much interest.

MONTREAL MEDICAL LICENCE CASE.—The defendants in this unusually protracted case, contrary to the expectation of many of their friends in Montreal and elsewhere, have been committed for trial in a higher court, by the magistrate who made the preliminary investigation, and were obliged to give bail. It will be much to be regretted, if this case should be again dragged into the courts. The College of Physicians and Surgeons should have plenary power to deal with all such cases as affect its interests, without having recourse to a public tribunal. No one doubts that Drs. Worthington and Fenwick were guilty of a very "grave irregularity," but they have been punished already fully equal to the sum of their offence. Let there be a complete acknowledgment of their error, and an ample apology in writing to the President of the College and any others who have been affected, and let the matter be dropped for ever.

MEETING OF THE ONTARIO MEDICAL COUNCIL.—It would be very desirable if the meeting of the Ontario Medical Council could be called early in June this year. There are several members of the council and others who take an interest in the proceedings, who intend to go to the Paris exhibition during the summer months, when practice is usually quiet. An early meeting would therefore be a great accommodation to such persons, and in no way injurious to the interests of the council.

ALCOHOL IN THE TREATMENT OF HYDROCELE.—A favourite plan for the treatment of hydrocele by many eminent surgeons of the day, is to inject—by means of a hypodermic syringe—from a few drops to one fluid drachm of alcohol (Spts. Vin. Rect.) into the sac. The heat of the scrotum is increased, temporarily, but the process of coagulation of the albumen of the fluid at once takes place, and a complete cure speedily follows.

TELEPHONIC AUSCULTATION.—The latest novelty in medical practice is telephonic auscultation. In a British exchange the writer says: "he listened to a young lady's chest with a telephone; she stood in the hall and he was thirty feet away in the dining-room. He heard the healthy sounds of a very healthy chest quite distinctly." This plan would be suitable for very modest young ladies and will no doubt become popular with a certain class.