

not an insane person or a dangerous idiot, and that such person may be suffered to go at large with safety, it shall and may be lawful for such medical person and he is hereby required to give a certificate to that effect, signed by him, to the visiting Justices of the gaol or house of correction in which such person is in custody, who are hereby required to transmit the same forthwith to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, who, if he shall so think fit, shall order the liberation of such person from custody.

"IV. And be it enacted. That nothing herein contained, except where otherwise expressly mentioned, shall alter the laws relating to the discharge of persons who may cease to be insane or dangerous idiots from any County Lunatic Asylum, public hospital or house duly licensed for the reception of insane persons, nor authorize the removal by any parish officer of any poor person from such asylum, public hospital, or licensed house, without an order for that purpose made by two Justices of the Peace for the county in which such house shall be situated, after due inquiry into the circumstances of the case, unless such person shall have been discharged as cured."†

Having thus given the essential parts of the Imperial Acts, as far as is necessary to our purpose, we cannot but state our inability to conceive why statutes so beneficent in their objects have not as yet been extended to us. We trust, however, that our remarks will not be without their influence upon those of our Legislators whose eyes they may meet. We have some reason to know that the matter has been brought under the consideration of the Government, and we hope that a ministerial measure will be introduced at the next Session of our Legislature, to ameliorate this condition of matters as respects the insane of this country, so unworthy of the philanthropic progress of the present century.

† Stock's Non Compotes. Op Cit.

### *The Provincial Medical Schools.—*

By a letter received from Toronto since our last, we find we have been inadvertently led into error in assigning to the Toronto School of Medicine (Dr. Rolph's school) the number of 25 students as attending its lectures. The school now numbers 64, of whom 20 are Theological students from Knox's College, who attend the Anatomical and Physiological Lectures, the remaining 44 being Medical students. We are pleased to witness the prosperity which attends this school, and we regret the error into which we were led. The number attending the lectures, is a convincing proof of the value of the instruction received at them. The matriculation list at McGill College having closed on the 23d ult., the Register exhibits the number of 52 students in attendance upon the courses.

### *The Montreal School of Medicine.—*

This school is again proposing to repeat the game which it has been so unsuccessfully playing for the last five years. During that period of time, not one session of the Legislature has passed without petitions from it having been presented, to secure the power of granting Diplomas, which have been as invariably rejected. With a pertinacity worthy of a better cause, it is at its work again, and intends to back its application by the signatures of as many medical practitioners as possible, and probably by those of some who are not so. We hope on this occasion, they will make use of no names without authority—a practice at which it was caught once before, and which at the time we duly exposed. The petition is at the present moment being hawked about the country for signature; and we have been advised of the fact by a letter from a medical gentleman to whom it was presented by