

infer that what their students won in excess of "all other affiliated institutions," was due to superior training.

2nd. In the fourth year's examination there were no candidates except from the Toronto School of Medicine, and as only fourth year candidates are eligible for medals, it is therefore not true, as implied in the statement, that the Toronto School students met in friendly competition the students from "all affiliated institutions" and obtained all the medals. In 1822, the students of the Toronto School did meet in friendly competition students of another school in the fourth year's examination, with the result that the Toronto School students did not obtain either of the two gold medals.

3rd. In the first and second year's examination, the examiner on Anatomy was a lecturer on that subject in the Toronto School of Medicine; and in the first year, the examiner on Biology and Comparative Anatomy was also the teacher of those branches in the same school; so that the students of the Toronto School of Medicine had the advantage over all others, of being examined by two of their teachers on the subjects they teach, and the students of other affiliated institutions labored under the disadvantage of being examined in these branches by the teachers in a rival school. This is not to be understood as a charge of partiality against these examiners, for the candidates are not known by name; but it is a fact well known to those who have experience in teaching, that pupils will make a higher percentage on any subject when examined by their teacher than when examined by a stranger.

Enough has been stated to prove the unfairness and untruthfulness of the statement referred to. There is, however, another feature of this "college announcement" which I wish to allude to, as it appears to me to be a very striking instance of "professional advertising." By way of contrast, compare the following examples of the "puff direct."

I. Dr. M. Souvielle, of Paris, founder of the celebrated International Throat and Lung Institute, during his late visit to London, Paris and Berlin, secured the services of a number of eminent specialists, to assist in his present great work. Thousands of cases even in advanced stages of catarrh, bronchitis, asthma and consumption are

being cured yearly by these specialists, etc. *Case.* F. C., consulted several well-known physicians, but received no benefit. He finally came to the above Institution and was cured in three weeks. (*Adv.*)

II. Ontario Pulmonary Institute, M. Hilton Williams, M.D., M. C. P. & S. O., Proprietor. "Permanently established for the cure of all diseases of the head, throat and chest, including catarrh, bronchitis, asthma, consumption, etc., etc. During the past eighteen years we have treated over 40,000 cases of head, throat and lung troubles." (*Adv.*)

III. "The students of the Toronto School of Medicine have always taken a high standing at the various examinations they have been called on to undergo; and at the examinations in 1883, of the Toronto University, where they met in friendly competition the students from all affiliated institutions, they succeeded in obtaining five scholarships out of six, all the medals, and one hundred and twenty honors out of one hundred and fifty-six which appeared on the class lists." (Announcement of the Toronto School of Medicine.)

Of the three examples the last one is the most glaring, coming as it does from the Faculty of the oldest Medical School in the Province. If those who have the training of medical men can set such an example with impunity, why ostracize individual members of the profession for vaunting their skill and cures in the press or in circulars.

Yours, etc., PRACTITIONER.

LONDON, Sept. 15th, 1883.

To the Editor of the Canada Lancet.

SIR,—No doubt your subscribers are aware of the action-at-law for \$10,000 damages which the Spirometer men contemplate against two of the most valuable and energetic members of the Medical Council, for language used while discussing one of the various subjects coming under their jurisdiction as our medico-legal councillors. I venture to express the hope that, inasmuch as these gentlemen give their time and services gratuitously year by year, for the benefit of the general profession; and as it is clearly the "free advertising" the concern is after by such a move, their defence will be provided for from the funds contributed by the general profession to the Council.