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SOME RESULTS OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH MEDICAL EXAMINERS.*

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A few weeks ago I received a letter from our worthy chairman, requesting me to read a paper at this session and send him the name of same. I replied that I would endeavor to prepare a short one and gave him the title of the paper. He sent me a note thanking me for my promise, with the remark: "You have chosen a large subject."

I fully realize that the subject is a large one, but I propose only touching on certain points which have in my experience struck me very forcibly. I have no doubt all of you have had the same experience, more especially those who have been Medical Examiner-in-Chief for some years. My excuse, however, for taking up your time is to place on record some of the practical results which we all have obtained by corresponding with our local examiners.

I am sure all of you have from time to time received very caustic answers from certain local examiners in reply to letters asking for further information about applicants. Some of these cutting communications are evidently intended to make one conclude that the society has made a mistake in placing you in the important position you hold and that the writer would undoubtedly have been the proper man.

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