

in the country who would not willingly prescribe for a poor person without the first thought about his fee. If dispensaries must exist, active steps should be taken to protect the general practitioners against the attempts of those who can pay, but desire to escape paying, by going to a free dispensary. The amount of service which medical men are giving to those who are not entitled to it, is annually very large, and, we are satisfied, is annually on the increase.

The movement on foot to lessen these abuses, both of hospitals and dispensaries, meets with our hearty approval.

DOMINION REGISTRATION.

Probably before this number has reached our readers, the question of medical registration in Canada will have been discussed at the meeting of the Canadian Medical Association. Dr. Thomas G. Roddick deserves much credit for his untiring efforts to bring about a modification of the system now in vogue in this country. In his address to the graduating class in medicine of McGill University (*Montreal Medical Journal*, August) he makes some reference to the subject, and gives certain advice to the graduates, from which we will quote as follows, for the benefit of recent graduates from other universities: "As you are aware, a movement is on foot to establish a Dominion Medical Council, whose license to practise shall be general throughout the Dominion. In view of the possibility of some such scheme becoming law within the next year, I should strongly advise those of you who have no fixed plans to keep up your studies, with a view to passing the examination before that Board in the near future. In the event of a failure of the measure, and, in any case, I wish to impress upon you the advisability of taking out your provincial license, as you originally intended. This will not involve any additional cost. You can, however, do much towards the success of the scheme by advocating it in the various parts of Canada where your homes are situated, or where you settle in practice. Make it plain that there is no intention on the part of the promoters of the measure to interfere in any way with the rights at present enjoyed by the Provincial Licensing Boards. Those, who so