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## UNIVERSITY DEGREES AND PROVINCIAL LICENSES.

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ONCE again the season has come round when the Universities grant their degrees to successful candidates. Once again those who have been successful in obtaining their degrees from the University of their choice will be busy preparing themselves for another examination ordeal in order to secure a license to practise their profession. At such a time there naturally occurs to anyone interested in Medical Education the questions: Is there any necessity for this multiplicity of examinations, is there any advantage to be gained by either the Universities or the Council by this dual test, is the student by this complicated process likely to be made a better practitioner, has the public any greater guarantee as to the fitness of the young licentiate for the practice of his profession on account of this two-fold examination test than it would have if the candidate for a license had to undergo but one such ordeal? We are free to admit that if a candidate had to undergo but one examination for both his degree and his license and if such examination were to be conducted by each of the Universities independently there might be some risk of too great leniency being shown to some of the candidates. We see no probability that either the Council or the Universities will entirely forego their privilege of examining their students. The thought has often occurred to us, however, that these two sets of examinations might be combined without either the Council or the Universities giving up any of their rights or privileges. At present the Education Department conducts a