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## REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN AND COLONIAL DEGREES.

The general Medical Council of Education and Registration of Great Britain opened its annual session in London on the 10th May, ult. The inaugural address was delivered by Dr. Acland, F.R.S., the President of the Council, and amongst other topics of interest he touched upon the relations of the Board of trade to Canadian surgeons serving on ships sailing to and from Canadian Ports. Indeed it would appear that the subject of the recognition of Colonial degrees has occupied the attention of the Council at successive meetings of that body ever since the year 1861, and the secretaries of state in successive governments have pressed upon the Council the necessity of dispensing with, or greatly relaxing its regulations in reference to persons holding Colonial diplomas or degrees. And it was added that this condition appeared to be a *sine qua non* to the consent of the Government to the introduction of any bill of amendment to the Medical Act. This statement by the President of the Council is very satisfactory, and we trust that the matter will be arranged on an equitable basis.

The condition of Colonial institutions appears to be indifferently understood. It does seem an anomaly that institutions working under Royal charter should be denied privileges of such vital importance to them as the recognition of their degrees. Their graduates hitherto have been simply ignored, or rather outlawed so far as the mother country is concerned. Surely there is no fear on the part of the Colleges and Universities of