

and Britain, and I may add that these few existed under great disadvantages, especially in the quality of students who were found to enter the profession. Now all that is changed. Veterinary colleges now form important institutions in almost every state in the civilized world, and most of them have adopted a moderately high standard of education; the courses delivered at most of them are equal in all respects to those of medical colleges.

OUR REPORTS.—We devote a considerable amount of our space this month to reports upon Surgery and upon the progress of Pharmacy. The former gives a condensed account of all the most noticeable features of the discussions in the Surgical section of the great International Congress of last summer. The latter is the completion of a very able report presented by Dr. Stewart to the Canada Medical Association last August at Halifax. Although the space thus occupied precludes us from presenting the usual number of pages of selected matter, still we have every reason to believe that the substitution therefor to some extent of periodical reports, is appreciated by the readers of the JOURNAL. We have communications from numbers of our friends in various parts of the country stating the value which they attach to the Gynecological reports we have been publishing, and we have no doubt the same feeling is entertained towards these others. The system has the advantage of presenting at stated times a *resumé* of all important work done in that department, and if these be preserved, they form at the end of the year a compilation extremely useful for future reference.

Medical Items.

PERSONAL.—James Ross, M.D., and James L. Foley, M.D., were admitted L.R.C.P., London, on 27th October. William Cormack, M.D., has obtained the double qualification of L.R.C.P. and L.R.C.S. We have learnt that on this occasion 60 per cent. of the candidates were rejected.

—Erasmus Wilson has been knighted on account of his munificent gifts for the support of hospitals and the encouragement of medical study.