

passed a bill for the formation of a Council, giving it the power to appoint examiners in medicine, irrespective of the teaching bodies, and thus guard the portals of entrance into the medical profession. Prior to this time the entrance of homœopathists and eclectics into the profession was very considerable, but now that matters have been placed on a uniform basis of examination, except in special subjects such as homœopathy and eclectic materia medica, we find that this elevated standard has improved very materially the entire status of our profession ; in fact, to-day there are very few graduating homœopathists or eclectics compared to the regular profession, greatly brought about by the introduction of the elevated standard of medical education.

In the great medical centres of this country we cannot fail to miss many of the old landmarks, men like Dunglison, Gross and Pancoast, of Philadelphia ; Parker, Buck, Marion Sims, Flint, Hamilton and Van Buren, of New York ; White, of Buffalo ; Brainard and Jewell, of Chicago. These men gave a force, a character and an impulse to the profession recognized throughout the civilized world. Younger men are following rapidly into the path of distinction, and have achieved more than an ordinary celebrity, such as Thomas and Emmet, of New York ; Storer of Boston, and Goodell of Philadelphia ; particularly in the diseases of women. I am pleased to observe here so many younger members of the profession. To attend these meetings is a duty they owe not only to themselves but to the communities in which they are laboring. Here we receive, as it were, a bird's eye view of the progress of our profession in every department, and the very intellectual friction produces a tonic influence which sends every member of this Association home with renewed vigor in that profession we delight to honor. A young Western physician, recently visiting Paris, remarked to his professor if he knew So-and-So in the medical profession ; the reply was that he did not. "What has he written ?" was the question asked. The young physician answered, "He has not written anything so far as I know, but he has a very large practice." To the younger members of the medical profession I would say, in order to achieve a lasting reputation, record your facts, note