

it not only for his own election, but for the election of others. This much must be admitted by all. But it is always in the power of the individual to revoke such a power of attorney, and to nominate, at a later date, some individual as his representative, thereby annulling his first proxy. Indeed, if any individual is of opinion that the representative whom he has nominated will not properly represent his views, it is not only in his power, but it is his duty, to revoke the proxy, and nothing in law can prevent him so doing.

The Registrar of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Quebec, however, holds different views, and recently he has officially refused to register the second and modified proxies of more than one practitioner; they have been returned to them rejected.

There is an innocent ignorance of the law in this action of the Registrar which it is painful to contemplate. The first proxies may, it is true, have contained upon them a statement to the effect that they were the only proxies of which the registration was authorised; but such a form of words does not bear, and cannot bear, the construction placed upon it by the Registrar, that no subsequent proxy can be registered by that individual; any more than the bringing forward of a document in which the testator has declared, say in 1883, that "this is my last will and testament," can be brought forward to invalidate a will of the present year in which the same form of words is employed.

The meaning of this move on Dr. Beausoleil's part is obvious; but such action will assuredly not serve his purpose, and already legal proceedings have been taken to enforce him to register all duly signed proxies, annulling those given at an earlier date.

We cannot but thank Dr. Beausoleil for giving us so entertaining a contest. What is to be the next move?

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## THE PATHOLOGY OF URÆMIC INTOXICATIONS.

We publish *in extenso* in this issue of the JOURNAL the very interesting and suggestive paper with the above title presented by Dr. C. A. Herter, of New York, at a recent meeting of the Montreal Medico-Chirurgical Society. Apart from its intrinsic merit, this communication marks an epoch in the history of the Society. It is the first occasion on which an invitation has been extended to our American *confrères* to participate in the proceedings of the Society, and the thanks of the medical profession of Montreal are due to one of the past presidents of the Society for taking the initiative in this praiseworthy innovation.