

the Lower Provinces. That it was useless as such, the general tenor of the articles on the proceedings of our Council, in their journal, sufficiently demonstrates. With these exceptions the working of the Bill has I consider been satisfactory to a majority of the members of the profession in this Province, and the provision in it, that students who elect to be registered as Homœopathic and Eclectic practitioners, shall not be required to pass an examination in either *Materia Medica* or Therapeutics, or in the theory and practice of Physic, or in Surgery, or in Midwifery, except in the operative practical parts thereof, before any examiner other than those approved by the representatives in the Council of the body he (or they) shall signify his (or their) wish to belong, has not proved, as prophesied by the Editor of the *Lancet*, a bribe to incompetency, as neither at the examination in April, 1870, at Kingston, nor at the recent one held at the University of Toronto, did a single student avail himself of these exemptions.

The members of the Committee on Education appointed at the first meeting of the Council, in July, 1869, directed their attention in the matriculation examination to securing evidence for the public that as far as preparatory education implies fitness, the matriculants should at least not be deficient in that particular, so that the ground-work for the future teachings should be fitted to maintain a continued succession of a class of liberally educated young men, who, in the full possession of a liberal science, would apply it to the need and benefit of their fellowmen. Technical knowledge and skill in that degree, which will enable the professional man to supply the whole resources of his art, they judged rightly, was not the sole desideratum of medical education, but to that should be added Classical, Mathematical and general knowledge. The members of the profession thus elevated would hardly fail to remember that to have their due weight in society, and occupy the place and rank to which their learning, general and professional, would entitle them, their qualifications and conduct must be consonant with the requirements of professional character. The lawyers of this Province have most wisely and jealously guarded in this manner the portals to their profession, and to the existence only of competing schools can we attribute in the past the neglect of sufficient preliminary education in ours. Since Latin has ceased to be the language of the learned, it is of less importance than formerly, but some knowledge of both Greek and Latin is indispensable in order to have a thorough understanding of the language of medical science, constructed as it is on their basis, a full apprehension of which is as essential to the medical student as symbols to the Algebraist. Our committee, therefore, as the programme demonstrates, insisted on this required amount, and wisely also included a knowledge of modern