

ates and their further action in erasing his name from the Register. It was hoped that as a result of this decision it would be some time at least before any further attempts would be made in contravention of the efforts of the Board to carry out the provisions of the Medical Act. At the recent meeting of the legislature, however, a bill was introduced with the object of securing from the House of Assembly an order in favour of a person who had not a complete curriculum, that notwithstanding the ruling of the Board he should be forthwith registered without being required to complete a satisfactory course or to take the usual professional examinations for license. The influence of the Board and of the profession was, however, again such that this bill was withdrawn, the person concerned having indicated his willingness to comply with the usual reasonable requirements of the Act.

The matter referred to in last year's report with regard to the employment of an unqualified person as assistant or as "locum tenens," etc., was taken up during the year and a Cautionary Circular declaring that this and certain other actions of an objectionable character would be considered as "infamous conduct in a professional respect" by the Board and would render the person practising such liable to have his name erased from the Register, was authorized to be prepared and issued to the profession, a similar procedure having been some time ago adopted by the General Medical Council of Great Britain.

Complaint having been made to the Board with regard to R. J. Gow, an unqualified person practising at Thorburn and vicinity, Pictou County, the matter was placed in the hands of the Board's solicitor to proceed against him in accordance with the evidence

under the Medical Act. The report on this case will be separately submitted by Mr. Davidson. Besides these (the Dyas and Gow cases), several other cases chiefly relating to improper advertising, were disposed of by the Board.

The Preliminary Examinations were held during the last year only once, that is in August, 1908. There were no applicants for May, 1909. This is the first time for over thirty years that such a thing has occurred, and is explainable partly by the fact that the total number of persons entering the medical profession has been reduced during recent years and also because increasing numbers of students are exempt from examination by virtue of High School and Collegiate examination certificates. The following, referring to the examination of August, 1908 is taken from the records:

No. of candidates .....	7
Passed .....	1
Passed in all but 1 subject	1
Failed .....	5

This shows a rather high percentages of failures, but four of the five in the latter class subsequently passed at the Dalhousie Matriculation examinations so as to enable them to enter upon or continue their studies. Including those qualified as above and those exempt by other certificates, 24 names in all were added to the Students' Register, being 14 less than during the previous year.

The idea of allowing the remission of the (Students') registration fee to apply only to persons registered in other provinces who are actually engaged as students in Nova Scotia and not to those who for special reasons seek such registration on their own account, seems reasonable and will be recommended by the Education Committee. Also, the proposal to require and to accept 50%