

assist an enquirer and make the difficult task easy. His work, as a scholar and teacher in his subject, cannot be spoken of in any other words than "It was brilliant."

It is a great loss to the University to have him retire while he has still, to all appearance, many years of capacity for work. Those who made a national reputation for the Toronto School of Medicine are fast passing from the scene of action. There are those now on the staff whose resignation would be much more acceptable than that of Dr. Richardson's.

The REVIEW hopes that Prof. Richardson may have many years of health and happiness.

OVER-CROWDING IN THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.—The following remarks taken from the *British Medical Journal* of 9th October, and delivered in Birmingham by Sir Walter Foster, M.P., are of much importance, as they apply so fully to this country: "He was shocked to see the amount of trouble, sorrow, and difficulty, and to a very great extent, poverty, which oppressed many of those in their ranks. He had never known the profession of medicine so over-crowded, the competition so severe, and he had never known so many men of good reputation and good medical acquirements having a desperate struggle to make a livelihood. He wanted to see if they could not find some means of lessening the unfair competition with which they were confronted in the excessive number of patients treated at hospitals—some with their midwifery departments—the competition [of medical aid associations, and other forms of competition which threatened their legitimate interests. In this connection he advocated the raising of the standard of requirements for the preliminary examinations, so that unsuitable men should be prevented over-crowding the profession, and the suppression of various forms of quackery, which not only injured their profession, but were a serious imposition on the public."

IT IS SAID.—Saint-Just, in the *Brief*, gives some very interesting statistics among which as follows: The Medical Association of the Austrian Capital has adopted recently a tariff as follows: Day visit, three gulden or about \$1.20. Evening visit, four gulden or about \$1.60. Night visit (without carriage) six gulden or about \$2.40. Visit at the hour selected by patient, five gulden or about \$2.00. For each extra patient in the same family, one gulden or about forty cents. The visits are to be paid spot cash. If this last regulation can be enforced, the Austrian physicians are certainly very fortunate.—*Med. Fortnightly*.