

John McIntosh (Kinloss) was fined \$25 and costs. This man was in the habit of examining and giving certificates for an insurance company. A party wrote to me to know if it was legal. I referred the agent and the party to Section 50 of the Ontario Medical Act.

I have a large number of cases in different parts, in which I am engaged with my assistants working up evidence, and hope to get a conviction, but do not at present deem it prudent to give their names.

I have been busily engaged for the past fortnight investigating some serious charges in connection with some medical practitioners, also several for unprofessional conduct.

In the case of F. W. Coulson, I may state that last year I had him before the Police Magistrate for a violation of the Medical Act and fined \$100. He appealed the case, and the conviction was quashed, the reason being that it was an isolated case, only one witness for the prosecution, and he stated to Coulson his disease. In most of my prosecutions the defence generally refer to that case in the law reports. He intends to appeal this case, but I am hopeful the results will be favorable to the Council.

In the case of Mrs. A. H. Keith, of the Viavi Medicine Co., the information was sworn out against her in September last, but as I could not serve her with a summons until January 15th, the case did not come until February 4th for trial. I had eight witnesses summoned, and nearly all were in Keith's favor, as I had reason to believe that some of my witnesses were tampered with.

It came out in evidence that a short time ago they advertised for an old-established doctor, and it was answered by Dr. E. Goode, but when he found out what it was he would have nothing to do with it. It was different with Dr. C. H. Martin; he is employed by them to answer correspondence and recommend Viavi to patients.

During the trial, Mrs. Keith was asked if the Doctor knew what he recommended, and said he did not, that that was a secret.

As they are a wealthy corporation, they had as counsel A. B. Aylesworth, Q.C., and Walter Barwick, Q.C.

In both the Coulson and Keith cases I employed A. Downey, official stenographer, to take down

the evidence, so as to be prepared in the event of an appeal.

I remain yours,

THOMAS WASSON,
Detective C. P. & S. C.

Toronto, Feb. 15th, 1895.

A DENIAL.

To the Editor of ONTARIO MEDICAL JOURNAL.

DEAR SIR,—My attention has been drawn to a communication which appeared in a recent number of the JOURNAL over the signature of "Thomas Wasson, Detective," etc., in which my name is brought rather prominently into notice. I wish to state that I am quite prepared to give the fullest explanation, and in fact court the fullest inquiry into anything with which I may have been connected, past or present, and which, I think, will be satisfactory to all concerned—T. Wasson in particular. Will you kindly insert this in your next issue, and oblige.

Yours, etc.,

H. O. MARTIN.

Toronto, January 30th, 1895.

[We publish this letter under Mr. Wasson's list of prosecutions, and our readers may judge for themselves.—ED.]

STUDY IN BERLIN.

To the Editor of ONTARIO MEDICAL JOURNAL.

DEAR SIR,—As this region is somewhat of a *terra incognita* to many of your readers, I shall endeavor to portray some of the different phases of medical life in this city. While the German medical student enjoys advantages possibly unsurpassed in many departments, he is also obliged to cope with certain difficulties that would debar many of the best Canadian students from ever obtaining a medical qualification, or at least the conditions here imposed would postpone such qualification until too late in life to be of much value. I refer to those students who must provide the means for their own education. In the first place, the German medical student must be graduated from the *gymnasium*, or high school, whose standard equals that of the arts course of some of our universities; and, secondly, he is not allowed to engage in any business or profession during his student career. These conditions, together with the small remuneration for labor, com-