

ent Councils, why not accept, as we already said, the examination upon these same subjects as conducted by the universities?

2. Professional education. The course of studies recommended by the Committee is practically that already by the various Councils with two exceptions. The first exception is that the course adopted is limited to four years. Ontario now requires five. We must confess that in this we are with the Committee and against Ontario. We favour raising the standard of matriculation rather than lengthening the course. The vast majority of the people of this country are not wealthy and cannot afford to keep their sons at college for five years. Many of the medical students of to-day are earning the money to prosecute their studies. These are the very men who make the best students, and we think, we may say, the best practitioners. Why, then, hamper them in their laudable ambition by increasing their difficulties financially?

The other recommendation to which we wish to call attention is that the session shall be eight months long. We must emphatically disapprove of this recommendation. As we have already dealt with this matter in the January number of THE KINGSTON MEDICAL QUARTERLY, we will content ourselves by simply entering our protest and referring any one who cares to know our objections to that publication.

3. Examinations: It is recommended that all candidates for license be required to pass examinations upon all the subjects of the curriculum and attain the standard of 50% upon each subject. To this there can be no objection. Here, however, as in the case of matriculation, the examinations are to be held by the various Councils. Will those examinations be uniformly difficult? If not, will the Councils continue to accept the licenses of each other when it is felt that a license is more easily obtained in one Province than in another?

So much for the report of the Committee. To the Committee we would further say we recognize the difficulty of the task upon which they have been deliberating, and our criticism has not been made with the idea of finding fault with their work, but rather with the object of showing the difficulties attending any scheme which aims at the obtaining a license good for the whole Dominion.