

in hood-winking our Legislature so far as to obtain an act of incorporation ; but we were quite unprepared to find that five men styling themselves members of the Profession of Medicine could obtain an act of incorporation giving to them powers which had been refused session after session to the entire corps of regularly qualified practitioners of what was then styled Canada West ; the same may be said of the so called Eclectic practitioners, with this exception, that in this latter instance seven individuals were the fortunate recipients of Legislative aid. This foul stain on our Legislative body was perpetrated by the representatives of the old United provinces of Canada and not by the Local Legislature of Ontario. But we cannot agree with our correspondent in regarding the present Act as in any way likely to remedy the evil.

We all know the difficulties attending a fair representation of the actual state of matters in any case to those who are utterly ignorant of its bearings. The general public regard subjects connected with medicine as of trifling importance. Too frequently they look upon opposition, if offered by a rival, as possessing some sinister motive, and therefore with a wide spirit of liberality they declare it to be the old cry, " two of a trade can never agree. " This we can afford to pass over with silent contempt, a feeling of compassion that our motives are misconstrued by such blockheads. But at the same time injury is done ; injury not so much to the honest medical practitioner as to the public. We need but illustrate the injury to public feeling if not morals by referring to Dr. S. K. Lake's professional placard which is as large as an ordinary poster and which is intended to catch the eye of the illiterate and unwary. This precious *morçeau* is embodied in Dr. Marsden's paper. It appears to us that the evil, as undoubtedly evil it is, has been arrived at by too great laxity on the part of the Profession of Ontario aided possibly by some few meddling but ill-advised members of the Profession who have made a nice hash of the whole concern. We have before written our opinions freely on the subject of this Act and did not purpose referring again to it, but the paper of our friend, Dr. Marsden, has called forth these few remarks. With our own Act in this Province we are content and we do hope that Dr. Marsden does not contemplate introducing an amended bill, based on the celebrated Ontario Medical Act of 1869.

A RECREANT GRADUATE.

A CARD.—Dr. LUCAS, of Montreal, formerly of the New York City Hospitals, physician, surgeon and accoucheur, graduate and gold medalist of McGill University, has settled in Stratford, where he can be consulted on all subjects connected with his Profession.

As heretofore he will continue to pay special attention to Surgery,