

it is well to have as free from lime as possible ; frequent warm baths and the wearing of flannel next the skin ; plenty of out door exercise and the avoidance of beer and alcoholic liquors generally. As to medicine I have found nothing give so much relief as carbonate of lithia, in fact I have the greatest confidence in its value in cases of primary renal calculi or a tendency thereto.

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### Correspondence.

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#### COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS vs. QUACKERY.

To the Editor of the CANADA LANCET.

SIR :—Last fall a quack named Jones came to these enlightened regions, where he remained, doing a first class business, leading the people to believe he had the proper authority to practice, until about a month ago when he suddenly decamped, taking with him the daughter of one of our wealthy farmers, who patronised and opened his house to him. This Jones styled himself “ J. R. Jones in the profession of roots and herbs, of Milltown, Ont.” I was perplexed at the credulity of the people who told me of his doings, but not wishing to bring him before a magistrate, I wrote to Dr. Pyne, who promised to send a detective down, but the said official came too late to catch his victim.

Jones had his board and lodging gratis among the people for nearly nine months, and is said to have made nearly \$3000. He is about 6 ft. in height, wears a light moustache, and has the features of a hardened and desperate wretch. The detective was much disappointed to learn of his escape, but as there was enough material of the same kind to work up, he had “ Dr.” Gardiner of Bannockburn arrested, and fined \$28. This man has practiced openly for over ten years in this county ; has charged four times more for his medicine than any qualified person, and is let go free for \$28. During the last ten years the College has exacted \$10 from me, to protect me as I understand it, but if I had followed the advice of medical friends, I would not have paid a dollar, for many of them believe the College to be a farce.

The way that quackery is allowed to flourish here, is not at all encouraging to those who are thoroughly qualified, and besides, it is derogatory to the good name of our time-honored profession. The

physicians here have quite enough to do to live respectably, and in many instances they have to establish drug stores, for the practice of medicine would not keep them above want. Yet these quacks who infest our neighborhood, charge just what they please, and collect where we fail. Such practices are a direct encouragement to young men contemplating medicine, to take the road as quacks. The fact is, people seem to have more confidence in the quack, than in the possessor of the M.D., M.R.C.S., etc., etc., and the former makes more money, has less care, and is about as respectable in the eyes of nine-tenths of the people of Canada. With a view to protect ourselves and the public, every physician should, whenever a quack is known to be in his midst, notify the representative of the district of the fact, in order that a detective may be put on his track. It should also be the duty and privilege of the registrar, to erase the name of any member who lends his name and influence, to any travelling concern whose tendency is to deceive the public. Whenever the representatives and the College unite, to protect those who have fulfilled every requirement, all grievances will cease and the profession will be re-instated on its proper level.

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M——, July 20, 1885.

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### Reports of Societies.

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#### HAMILTON MEDICAL AND SURGICAL SOCIETY.

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The Vice-President in the chair.

Dr. McCargow exhibited the lower end of the femur of a man whose thigh had been amputated in the hospital by Dr. White. The patient, aged 36, had been admitted to the hospital with the following history :—At 14 years of age received a slight injury on the inner side of the thigh, while sleigh riding ; since then has had pain in the knee with swelling, chiefly during changes in the weather and in cold weather. Although knee has pained since the first with the exception of slight intermissions of a few weeks, he has never been confined to bed, and the only treatment has been in the form of external applications. Four months ago incisions were made and a large quantity of pus removed. When admitted, the lower half of