

## TUMOR OF SPINAL COLUMN.

Dr. Graham presented microscopic sections of the tumor described by him at the last meeting.

## CARD SPECIMENS.

(1) By Dr. Wishart : Larynx, trachea, and lungs, from case of diphtheria.

(2) By Dr. Thistle : Cerebral tumor. Microscopic sections.

(3) By Dr. Peters : Tubercular knee-joint.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year : President, Dr. A. McPhedran ; Vice-President, Dr. I. H. Cameron ; Council : Drs. A. B. Macallum, G. A. Peters, and J. Caven.

The society then adjourned.

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## Correspondence.

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Editor of THE CANADIAN PRACTITIONER :

DEAR SIR,—I sent you yesterday a *British Whig*, containing the standing advertisement of this man Bessey. During the afternoon two copies of the accompanying dodger were left in my office by a bill boy who, with an armful of them, was distributing them throughout the town :

“Visiting Kingston! Radical cure of rupture, piles, rectal diseases, womb diseases, urinary and sexual troubles, chronic and nervous affections, stomach and intestinal disorders, including dyspepsia and chronic constipation, and chronic diarrhoea, by an entirely new and painless method of treatment. Dr. Bessey, surgeon and specialist, of Toronto, is here for two days only, Friday and Saturday. May be consulted at City Hotel. Will visit Kingston every fourth week for two days. Next visit, Friday and Saturday, August 12th and 13th.”

This is the second time I have been treated to this sort of thing, and I suppose that for the future my information regarding “Dr. Bessey’s” performances and movements will not be neglected. As you will learn from the *Whig* I sent you, justice, though tardy, yet got on the track of the advertising frauds who had rioted on the people’s ignorance here for between three and four months, and compelled them to seek other spheres of action without delay, so

we hope that proper attention will at last be drawn to this gentleman, and will quietly yet firmly request him to follow a line of professional conduct or cease to call himself “doctor.”

I am sorry that you have not room enough to print the cards of these medical tramps, who seem to be very numerous, for it is only by bringing this abuse constantly to the eyes of the profession in Ontario, and especially of the Council, that a suppression of this practice of advertising can be looked for. The Government of the province, left to itself, cares nothing about it; one or two medical men in any town do not wish to make themselves conspicuous at home by turning informers or prosecutors, however just their cause may be; the Council seems somewhat apathetic in this matter; and, hence, only by a general exposition of the evils and a diffusion of a knowledge thereof amongst the whole profession can a united action that will result in a thorough reformation be expected.

If you can insert this circular, please do so, and let the numerous readers of THE CANADIAN PRACTITIONER learn the state of affairs medical in Kingston, that each may compare it for better or for worse with that in his own locality.

Thanking you for past favors, I remain, as ever,

Yours truly,

THOS. R. DUPUIS.

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DEAR SIR,—It is rather amusing to the practitioners of Kingston to see Dr. Dupuis posing as a defender of the profession against quacks and their advertisements.

The following sample of his own advertising among many which have appeared lately in the *Kingston Whig*, will give an idea of how some of our profession seek notoriety. Perhaps this is what he means by the closing paragraph : “The following are not the only advertisements that fill the newspapers” :

“On Tuesday the difficult operation of trachelorrhaphy was performed on a lady living in the western end of the city. Dr. Dupuis did the work, assisted by Drs. Campbell, Chown, and Bell. The patient is doing well.”

Yours,

M.D.