

DOMINION MEDICAL REGISTRATION.

RECENTLY Dr. Roddick's Bill to establish a Dominion Medical Council with power to issue a Dominion License was before the Select Committee of the House, to which it had been referred. Representatives from Manitoba, from Toronto and from Queen's Universities were present and were given most ample opportunities to discuss the provisions of the Bill. As a result of this conference between the Committee and the representatives of the Universities a few changes were made in the Bill, which, it is hoped, will make it acceptable to all.

Of these changes or additions we shall refer to two only. To Section 10 the following Subsection was added :—"The possession of a Canadian University degree alone, or of a certificate of Provincial registration founded on such possession, obtained subsequent to the passage of this Act, shall not entitle the possessor thereof to be registered under this Act." The reason for this addition is manifest. Provincial Licenses are obtained on different conditions in the different Provinces. In some Provinces a degree from a Provincial University entitles the holder thereof to the Provincial License on payment of the fee in that behalf. In other Provinces all candidates for Provincial License must pass the examinations prescribed by the Provincial Council. It was therefore felt that without the clause above quoted the graduates of some Universities would be placed at a disadvantage as compared with those of other Universities. All present were satisfied that the insertion of the above clause made it clear that the graduates of all Universities would be on an equal footing.

To Section 14 there was added the following paragraph : "And the examinations shall be held only at those centres at which there is a University or College actively engaged in the teaching of Medicine and having hospital facilities of not less than one hundred beds." This was added that there might