

capacity; and it would no more appear unreasonable to infer, that, as political partisanship shared largely in these selections, so also might the same shade and cast of candidates of the majority, influence an admission as well into a fellowship of science, as that of a political cause, thus constituting political opinions intrinsically the best passport to surmount the more dangerous deficiencies of professional education. I have now before me the names of the members composing these elective boards in the year 1836, and, on looking over those of the excluded, the inference, however reluctantly made, carries almost incontrovertible evidence of its truth.

The legislature ought, in my humble opinion, to have so incorporated the profession as to constitute a governing council, in which should rest a representative system of self-government, in all matters appertaining to medical legislation; and the selection of this governing council might also be dependent upon the general suffrages of the profession at large (under certain restrictions), and not confined to districts. The high professional attainments and distinctions attached to members of the governing council, ought necessarily to bear a more extended appreciation than that limited to mere localities! \*

To be continued.

#### TO OUR EXCHANGES.

As the loss of numbers of our exchanges seriously destroys their value as works of reference, and as we wish to maintain them as complete as possible, more especially as our own Journal is sent off regularly to our contemporaries, we herewith give a list of those which we have not received since the operation of the new postal arrangements in the United States commencing in December last. Our contemporaries are particularly requested to address their exchanges to Messrs. R. & G. S. Wood, 261, Pearl Street, New York, who will monthly transmit them to us. It is necessary to notice that several of our contemporaries have ceased interchanging for many months, and we now notice this circumstance, lest copies may have been addressed to us which have never come to hand. So serious a break in our exchanges, which we are solicitous of preserving uninterrupted, is a matter of no small concern to us.

Southern Medical and Surgical Journal. Last No. received, November, 1847, being No. 11, Vol. III.

The American Journal of Insanity. Last No. received, October, 1847, being No. 2, Vol. IV.

The Missouri Medical and Surgical Journal. Last No. received, October, 1847, being No. 6, Vol. III.

The Medical News and Library. Nos. not come to hand—Nos. 60, 61, and 64.

The Western Lancet. This contemporary has been received very irregularly in exchange. Of Vol. V. the only Nos. received are Nos. 5 and 6. Of Vol. VI. Nos. 1 and 2 only have reached us. The published Nos. of Vol. VII. have arrived regularly.

The Western Journal of Medicine and Surgery. Of Vol. VIII. the Nos. received are 1, 2, 3, and 5. Of Vol. I., Third Series, the only No. which has come to hand is No. 4.

The New Orleans Medical and Surgical Journal. Nos. received, Vol. III., Nos. 4 and 6. Vol. IV. Nos. 1 and 2.

The Southern Journal of Medicine and Pharmacy. No. 1

and 2, of Vol. II., never came to hand—all the other Nos. reached us. No Nos. of Vol. III. have arrived, which, we suppose, were published in January and March.

The American Journal of Science and Arts. Last No. received, November, 1847. January and March Nos. not come to hand.

The American Journal of the Medical Sciences. Last No. received, October, 1847. The January and April Nos. have not arrived.

[Will our contemporaries, whose names are included in the above list, comply with our request at as early a period as convenient, and in the way indicated?—Ed.]

#### NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*Dr. O'Brien's (Toronto) letter, with the list of the licentiates of the late College of Physicians and Surgeons of Upper-Canada, has been received. We are obliged to him for his attention. We will publish the list in our next issue.*

*We are obliged to Capt. Lefroy (Toronto) for the alteration made at our request in the meteorological table for Toronto.*

*The continuation of Dr. Badgley's paper has been received, and will appear next month.*

*Dr. Reynold's paper is still further postponed.*

*The Toronto Mirror has come to hand, with the emigrant hospital return, for 1847.*

*Dr. Dickenson's letter (Hamilton) has reached us some time ago. What we want is a return of the admissions and discharges into the emigrant hospital in that city for the last year, and the nature and number of the cases admitted, with such remarks upon them as Dr. D. may deem necessary.*

*Letters have also been received from Drs. Douglas and Marsden (Quebec), Dr. Stewart (Kingston), Drs. Hodder and Rees (Toronto). We will write to these gentlemen in the course of a few days.*

*The letter of "An Inquirer," dated Toronto, March 10, was received on the 17th March, and its non-acknowledgment in our last was due to oversight. We agree with the writer in every particular. The parties alluded to obtained their licenses in good faith, and they were granted in good faith also, though precipitately. A difficulty invests the question. We shall probably consider it in a future number, although we feel that the question is invested with a great deal of delicacy.*

*A paper by Mr. T. S. Hunt has been received, on the Modern Chemical Philosophy, and one by Dr. Stratton, on the Deodorizing and Disinfecting Properties of Sir W. Burnett's Fluid. They will be published in our next.*

#### BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

Dublin Medical Press—regularly.

Provincial Medical and Surgical Journal—regularly.

Boston Medical and Surgical Journal—vol. 38; Nos. 10, 11, and 12.

Western Lancet and Hospital Reporter—vol. 7; Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Western Journal of Medical Surgery—vol. 1; No. 4; 3d Series.

The New York Journal of Medicine—January and March Nos.

The New York Annalist—March 15; April 1.

Buffalo Medical Journal—vol. 3; Nos. 7, 8, 9, and 10.

Summary of the Transactions of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia—Dec. to March 1848.

The Elements of Medical Eminence, an introductory by Prof. Peasley.

Transactions of the Medical Society of the State of New York—vol. 7; Part 2.

St. Louis Medical and Surgical Journal—Jan. and Feb. 1848.

A Paper on Vaginal Hysterotomy, by Prof. Bedford, New York. The parcel from Messrs. R. and G. Wood arrived safely. We are obliged to them for their attention.

\* Since writing the above, the recent act of incorporation more than supplies any suggestions I may have presumed to offer.