

versity of Vermont has announced its intention of granting degrees in medicine to registered British medical practitioners who pass a satisfactory examination in medicine, surgery, and midwifery. The fee to be charged is \$30.

HONORS TO LISTER.—The Emperor of Germany has conferred on Sir Joseph Lister the "Ordre pour le mérite" for Science and Arts. This is not only a testimonial to Lister, but also a generous recognition of the claims of medical science, which Germany has not been slow to recognize.

MEDICAL SOCIETY DINNER.—The first annual dinner of the Hamilton Medical and Surgical Society was held at the Royal Hotel on the 4th ult., and was a most successful and interesting reunion. The profession of Hamilton was well represented by many of its ablest men.

CORRECTION.—In our last issue we noticed among new books the work of "McNaughton Jones on Diseases of Women," giving W. Wood & Co. as the name of the publishers. It should have been credited to D. Appleton & Co., New York, as the publishers.

BRITISH DIPLOMAS.—Drs. J. L. Davison (Trinity) and W. D. Oakley (McGill) have obtained the M.R.C.S., Eng.

Dr. W. G. Hardy (McGill), and W. A. Ross (Toronto), have obtained the L.R.C.P. Lond.

Dr. Osler has been granted leave of absence by the authorities of the University of Pennsylvania, and sailed on the 10th ult. for England, where he is to deliver the Gulstonian lectures in the Royal College of Physicians.

SIGN OF SCIATICA.—An exchange says that if the patient be placed on his back and the suspected limb raised and flexed strongly, a pain appearing about the sciatic notch will be a certain pathognomonic sign of sciatica.

Notes and Queries.

Will some physician who has obtained L.R.C.P. and S., Edin., give a brief description of his trip, the expenses of the same and the requirements for the degrees?

Why is it, considering the high standing of the profession, that medical literature in Canada is at such a low ebb, and that only two Canadian works, Fulton's Physiology and Canniff's Surgery are in circulation?

What are the requirements for the position of surgeon and assistant surgeon in the British army, and what are the duties, salary, rank in the service, and pension for disablement? Is a Canadian graduate required to take out the M.R.C.S., Eng., before presenting himself as a candidate?

QUEROR.

An answer to the following questions will be thankfully received.

1. Explain how the stomach is enabled to produce an acid secretion from the blood—an alkaline fluid; have we any means or medicines to assist or promote this action, and what are they?

2. When defibrinated blood is injected *per rectum*, why are not the corpuscles absorbed?

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TREATMENT OF IMPOTENCE.

Would some reader of the Lancet give his views as to the most appropriate treatment for impotence. The patient is a man 56 years of age, married, good family history, no evidence of syphilis, no venereal excesses, never ill in his life.

NEMO.

MEDICINE CHEST.

Would some of the readers of the Lancet offer some suggestions for a medicine chest for country practitioners. Many of us have to make long trips far from any drug store and it is desirable that we carry as great a variety of drugs as may be necessary, in as small a compass as possible.

Messrs Stevens and Sons have signified their intention of manufacturing a case that will meet all requirements as suggested at a reasonable price.

MEDICO.

[Would not A. A. Mellier's saddle bags meet the requirements? See advt.] ED.

Books and Pamphlets.

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