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DOMINION MEDICAL REGISTRATION.

FOR years it has been felt that the present system of Provincial Licenses to practise medicine was anomalous. The Canadian Medical Association took the matter up and appointed a Committee with Dr. Roddick as chairman to report upon the practicability of Inter-Provincial Registration. The Committee considered the question and reported favourably, and their report was adopted by the Canadian Medical Association. In the QUARTERLY of April, 1897, we criticized the Committee's report. We felt then, and still feel that Inter-Provincial Registration was so beset with difficulties both present and prospective that we were constrained to come to the conclusion that Inter-Provincial Registration was an impracticable scheme, and we concluded our criticism of the Committee's report with these words, "Would it not be well for the Canadian Medical Association to drop this question of Inter-Provincial Registration which is so beset with difficulties both present and future, and consider the wider and, to our mind, the more feasible question of a Dominion Council with a Dominion License." We refer to this criticism of the Committee's report to show that we have always been in favour of a Dominion Council and a Dominion License, and that anything which we may now urge against the scheme as at present proposed is not in antagonism to the general principles of the scheme, but against details. The Committee already referred to was continued and under the chairmanship of Dr. Roddick has laboured industriously and has crystallized its proposals into a Bill which it is proposed to submit to Parliament at its next session. A copy of this Bill we now have before us: