REGISTRATION CONSIDERED AS A FINE ART.

To return to the proxy system! It has been usual for the Registrar and others connected with the present government of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of this province to obtain from practitioners, and more especially from the newly licensed practitioner, a proxy, at periods varying from three years to as many months, before the Triennial election. In obtaining these proxies we find they have, in a large number of instances, been gained from those who have not in the least realised the full significance of their act. Immediately after a young practitioner has obtained his license, he has been approached by the Registrar, or some one who has aided him in obtaining his diploma, and in the fulness of the heart he has gladly acceded to the wish expressed, that he should give his proxy to this or that individual. In so doing he has regarded the matter as being purely a personal one, and he has imagined that he has simply been giving a personal vote to the applicant. There has been not the least idea that this proxy could be used, and would be used, to determine the election of the entire Board of Governors—of thirty-two individuals instead of one—and assuredly it has never been imagined by the giver that he was conferring more than a personal favor upon the applicant or debarring himself from voting as he pleased with regard to other members of the Board. Apparently, however, the Registrar is of the opinion, and has laid down the law that a proxy once given covers the election of the whole Board, and, what is more, cannot be annulled save by personal presence at the election.

A proxy is, in its nature, a power of attorney, authorizing one individual to represent another, and to act for him on a given occasion. By these terms, therefore, on a given occasion, the representative can make a very wide use of the power so given to him. He can employ