

a standard, and accepts the degrees and diplomas of the universities and colleges. These are registered and their holders may commence practice.

The duty of the Medical Council is to maintain a proper standard, and make all teaching bodies live up to it. We are of the opinion that the Council is wasting a vast amount of money, and expending a lot of time in holding examinations, that can be better done by other bodies. We contend that the Council should stand for efficiency; but this can be secured as now suggested.

PRESCRIPTIONS FOR ATONIC DYSPEPSIA.

R Magnesii chloridi gr. xv (1 gram)
 Aquæ destillatæ ℥v (150 grams)
 S. Sig.: One tablespoonful before or after meals.

In flatulence the author has found the following solution effective:

R Sodii bromidi exsiccati xxxviii (2.5 grams)
 Sodii phosphatis exsiccati xxxvii (2.5 grams)
 Sodii sulphatis exsiccati xxxviii (2.5 grams)
 Aquæ destillatæ ℥viii (250 grams)
 S. Sig.; One tablespoonful immediately after meals.

The same solution, taken ten minutes before meals, may be administered to excite the appetite. The author rarely uses hydrochloric acid and pepsin or other ferments. In gastric insufficiency with pain, Pron avoids nux vomica and sodium persulphate, and orders the last mentioned formula for use before meals.—*N. Y. Med. Jour.*

WAR AND THE SEXES.

Henri Coupin, doctor of science, writing in *Presse médicale* for July 26, 1915, on the various theories that have been advanced concerning the origin of sex, particularly that which attributes to war an increase of males, states that recent despatches from the eastern front aver that of 559 children born to fugitives from Galicia and Bukovina, there were 314 boys and only 245 girls. In Vienna, where usually 108 boys are born to 100 girls, since October there have been 140 boys to 100 girls; there has been also a very large number of twin births. Doctor Coupin writes apparently with his tongue in his cheek, and demands that these figures be verified.—*N. Y. Med. Jour.*