

be a foreign subject ; for the British subject there is no course open but the fulfilment of the curriculum, and the passing of the examinations recognized by the Medical Council. What the General Medical Council have to do is irrespective of nationality altogether, and the discussion can only be confused by the introduction of names and places.

The General Medical Council have, as the outcome of much patient enquiry, conducted with the assistance of expert opinion, concluded that the privilege of registration on the British Register hitherto conceded to the graduates in dental surgery of Harvard and Michigan Universities must be at least suspended, and probably withdrawn altogether. Let us glance impartially, as the sub-committee have done, at the situation, neither extenuating nor setting down aught in malice, and we venture to think that it would be difficult to find any unbiassed person who could come to a different conclusion than that reached by the sub-committee.

When the Dentists Act was passed and the Register instituted, the published requirements of the various foreign degree-conferring bodies were carefully scanned. None were found which came up fully to the standard of our own, but a point was stretched to include those which, upon paper, came nearest to our home requirements.

This was done in a spirit of liberality, and even this did not commend itself to the judgment of some who thought that nothing in any respect short of our home curriculum should be recognized. Moreover, it must not be forgotten that the Medical Council accords registration to no foreign medical degree whatever, none coming up to our own requirements in curriculum and examination.

Thus a concession was made, even if the requirements of these colleges upon paper were fully carried out, but there is reason to suppose that there is an elasticity about them which our own licensing bodies would not dream of exercising.

The General Medical Council have accepted a duty of great responsibility, and it is briefly this. They have undertaken to watch over the education and registration of practitioners of dental surgery throughout the United Kingdom. They have to this end imposed certain requirements upon all who seek registration at their hands. They require that before professional studies are